Chancellor sees no recovery **before 1976**

r Healey, Chancellor of the chequer, and Mr Heath, Leader the Opposition, made gloomy ognostications on the economy in lebate in the Commons last night. e Chancellor said the outlook darkened even since the

November Budget. He did not think the tide would turn before the end of next year.

Mr Heath said the country stood on the brink of hyperinflation. The normal mechanisms of production, finance and saving had collapsed.

Mr Heath fears catastrophe

ismentary Correspondent

r Healey, Chancellor of the hequer, and Mr Heath, ing a dehate yesterday on economy, from their re-ove front henches, gave Commoos a dose of presmas gloom.

e dehate ended with a vote onfideoce for the Govern-t on its handling of the omy by 301 votes to 280, a writy of 21.

ne Chancellor, after liken-the Tory leader to the fat in the Pickwick Papers e only role was to make lesh creep, went on to tell House that never before escetime had the nation the economic difficulties he complexity and scale I this year. The year ahead t be even more daunting. Ve must expect a period hich our living standards oot rise and could even he said. Although he the tide would turn in in the meantime we have to he fitter. "We certainly not he fatter; we have a leaner and mora ent economy.

said he would do his best ersuade his colleagues to

in the five weeks since the Budget dehate.

The world was in a recest Clashing repeatedly with Mr

sion and the question was whether it would move from a recession into a slump. It appeared possible that world output and trade might not grow at all next year and that recovery would be postponed until 1976.

Mr Healey, describing Mr Heath as the Prioce of Darkness and the Beelzebub from Bexley, added that there was bound to he some increase in the rate of inflation hecause of increases in world price and of increases in world prices not expected by anyone a few months ago.

But he expressed the hope, not echoed from the Conserva-tive benches, that the successful operation of the social contract would reduce the amount of wage inflation. Sit down, Nero, a Tory MP shouted. Mr Heath was clearly a match for the Chancellor in gloom and

doom.

Today, he said, the country stood on the hrink of hyperinflation. In the two months since the election Britain bad heen faced with the worst rate of inflation, the worst halance of trade deficit, and current account deficit, the worst rate for sterling, and the collarse of rsuade his colleagues to for sterling, and the collapse of the measures that might e the tide to turn in our r hefore the end of next The outlook, he added, larkened a good deal even and hastening the decay, destruction and collapse of the

normal mechanisms of production, finance, and saving.

Clashing repeatedly with Mr Healey, Mr Wilson, and Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Heath said that the task facing the people was the most formidable ever faced in peacetime. The extrema gravity of the crisis had become appallingly clear in the past formight and there was every indication that it would become worse.

become worse.

The attitude of the Conciliation and Arbitration Service seemed to he that it was pre-pared to secure industrial peace at any price, and that could not be reconciled with an effective

anti-inflationary policy.

In the present inflationary situation, approaching hyperinflation, the Government must act on wages unless the nation was to head for catstrophe.

The Conscision was assessed.

The Opposition was prepared to cooperate with the Govern-ment to save the mixed economy on which the nation's prosperity depended. He indicated that to get such cooperation there would have to he agreement to cut the vast borrowing requirement the Chancellor had embarked on.

The people were prepared to make a response to the crisis if the Government would only acknowledge the gravity of the

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renounces 'trade for emigration'

Moscow, Dec 18.—The Soviet
Union today renounced any
trade agreement with the United
States that binds Moscow to
ease emigration.

Moscow also disclosed that
the rejection of a more offering

the rejection of a move offering trade concessions io return for easing emigration hed been sent to Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, nearly two months ago. It accused him of keeping silent ebout the true Soviet stance.

After a delay of two years Congress passed the amended trade Bill, granting the Soviet Union most favoured nation status, last Friday.

In a statement, Tass denounced "attempts to include provisions concerning... the departure of Soviet citizens for other countries."

other countries."
The Soviet Union "flatly re jected as unacceptable . . . at tempts to interfere in internal affairs that are entirely the concern of the Soviet state and

concern of the Soviet state and no one else."

The Tass statement added that in American-Soviet trade relations, "matters reached such a point when the positive solution of questions was made dependent on all kinds of qualifications and dependent on all kinds of qualifications. cations and demands that were

nothing hut gross interference
"This is the only way to
qualify the attempts to include
in the Bill provisions concerning, for instance, the departure
of Soviet citizens for other of Soviet citizens for other countries . . . etc.

Tass also published the text of a letter from Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, which, it said, was handed to Dr Kissinger on October 26.

In it Mr Gromyko protested that "elucidations" given by the Soviet Union were inter-preted by the United States as "assurances and nearly obligations on our part regarding the procedure of the departure of Soviet citizens from the USSR."

"Some figures are even being quoted as to the supposed number of the supposed number of

quoted as to the supposed number of such citizens, and there is talk ahout an anticipated increase of that number as compared with previous years. We resolutely decline such an interpretation", Mr Gromyko was quoted as saying in the letter.—UPI.

Frank Vogl writes from Washington: "It's fallen on us like a ton of bricks", was the reaction of a White House official today to the Soviet stand.

stand.
The Tass statement could not Congress has just a couple of days now to pass pending legislation before the present session ends. Urgent consultations took place this morning between leaders of bonness to reach compress to reach compress. of Congress to reach compromises over two Bills that directly affect trade with the Soviet Union.

The Times

We apologize to readers, wholesalers and newsagents who did not receive their copies of *The Times* yesterday. Industrial action by the National Graphical Association prevented publication of our Continued on page 17, col 1 normal print order.

Soviet Union Mr Mellish withdraws resignation threat after clash on backbench defence revolt

Mr Robert Mellish, govern-ment chief whip and a member of the Cabinet since the election, last night withdrew a letter of resignation which be sent to the Prime Minister on Tuesday night. This was announced from 10 Downing Street after a day of uncertainty and speculation, Mr Walter Harrison, deputy chief whip, had said that he and other members of the whip's staff were prepared to resign with Mr Mellish.

Mr Mellish had acted in pro-test against the Prime Mini-ster's decision to take no disciplinary action when eight parliamentary private secre-taries formed part of a block of 54 left-wing Labour back-benchers voting against the Government's defence review in the Commons on Monday night. Parliamentary private secre-taries are not members of the

loyally to the Government on three-line whips. Otherwise it is easy to conclude that the ministers they serve have

discussing the resignation with

Administration, but by convention they are expected to show

doubts about particular aspects of government policy.

Mr Wilson, in the middle of a luncheon at 10 Downing Street with the Prime Minister of Mauritius and heavily burdened with meetings, asked to see Mr Mellish at 1.30 pm yesterday and spect 20 minutes discussing the resignation with

At the end of Monday's debate on the defence review 52 Labour backbenchers, with two tellers, voted against the Government. Among the dissidents were eight parliamentary dents were eight parliamentary private secretaries—Mr Roderick, Mr Kinnock, Mr Roy Hughes, Mr Edge, Mr Ashton (appointed to Mr Benn that dayl, Mr Rooker, Mr Mark Hughes, and Mr James Lamond. In Mr Wilson's name it was binted that although the mutiny was regarded as serious

there would be no disciplinary

sanctions.

Mr Mellisb, who became Labour Chief Whip in 1969 and apart from a short ioterval as Minister of Public Building and Works, has continued to the exacting post ever since, bas always believed that three-line whips should he oheyed as a matter of party loyalty. matter of party loyalty.

There is no doubt that before

the October election this year he bankered for a ministerial post, hut Mr Wilson persuaded him to carry on, though with

a Cahinet seat.
He now takes the view that the chief whip's post becomes impossible if there is oo party discipline. "I cannot carry on like this", he told friends yesterday.

terday.
Mr Harrison, who is Mr Mellish's deputy, made clear yes-terday his sympathy not only with Mr Mellish's attitude hut with the underlying grievance. "The chief whip", he said, "has sent a resignation letter

lo the Prime Minister giving him an opportunity to make an alteration in the position of chief whip. Mellish bas had a chief whip. Mellish has had a fairly tough six years, and in the past six weeks there has been increased difficulty with various members of the Parliamentary Labour Party, who have made it very uncomfortable for the whips.

"He believes he has a good team of whips working behind him. I am behind him. I enjoy working with him, and if

joy working with him, and if his resignation is accepted. I fael that there could he other resignations. I for one will have to support him, because I have been messed about by certain iodividuals over the past few

weeks."

Mr Harrison said it was not merely the hackbench revolt on Monday. There were new Lahour MPs who hed heen in the Hnuse only a few weeks, who owed their seats to the Lahour Party, but who could not support a Labour Government in the lobhies on a three-line whim. They were reservline whip. They were reserv-ing the right not to be loyal to Labour.

Mr Mellish's threat of resig-

nation is all the more traumatic for the party hecause nobody has supported Mr Wilson with stronger loyalty since he he-came chief whip. Mr Wilson owes him a personal deht heyond calculation.

MP for Bermondsey and des-

cended from a family of Thamesside dockers, Mr Mellish, as a sponsored member of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has always put party loyalty first. Instinctively he helongs to the party's right wing, but his bluff good nature and allies of the party of political acumen has allowed him to maintain fairly good

him to maintain fairly good relations with the left.

Possibly Mr Wilson has miscalculated and taken Mr Mellish's party loyalty too much for granted in treating lightly the left-wing mutiny on defence last Monday night. Like many other trade union MPs, Mr Mellish believes a three-line whip means what it says and that the Gov. what it says, and that the Government's safety is in his keep-ing. He needs to he sure that et a moment's notice he can pro-duce full oumbers in the division

lohhy. Lahour NEC meeting, page 4

ECD warns West of 'ugly rout'

Peter Jay mics Editor

Dec, 18 vival of the political my of the western world, don the formula of prosus democracy, hangs in the ace with the scales weightowards failure. The worst are the United Kingdom with the United s and Germany having the chances of ultimately meetthe double challenge of

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of North America, Western Europe, Japao and Anstralasia, the commentary of the international team of economists in the Economic Outlook provides the most authorizative arribble. the Economic Outlook provides the most authoritative available synopsis of world economic trends.

They conclude that the indus-trial democracies are being put precedented outside time of war" and that the governments are having to meet it with peacetime weapons and peacetime public responses ".

The OECD's forecasts project the "deepest" and "longest" recession to the western economies since the 1930s. Specifi-cally it suggests that "total de-mand and output in the OECD area in the second half of 1975 are likely to be very little higher than two years earlier,

On the basis of present poli-cies "little or no growth" is foreseen in the United Kingdom and Italy, while output in the United States is actually ex-pected to fall by 2 per cent in 1975. The OECD adds the warning that there is "a risk in 1975. of a hreak in confidence, and therefore of a considerably weaker picture" even than that suggested by the forecasts.

In other words, the OECD suggests that it would not take much to turn the present year.

much to turn the present gen-eral retreat into an ugly rout. In these circumstances, the OECD demurely observes, "the question now poses itself

£85m rescue move for Crown Agents

Mr Mellish has always felt that three-line whips should be strictly oheyed.

for more than a hundred years has been that it makes no call on public funds.

The news last night shocked the City, which saw it as the biggest wave yet from the secon-dary hanking crisis. It is bound to cause anxieties among the 290 overseas governments and public authorities served by this historic institution Annual deposits from Crown

Agents' principals total ahout £300m, and funds managed on their behalf are worth about £850m. In addition, the non-banking services supply £160m of goods to foreign authorities. Less than three months ago the Government put in Mr John Cuckney as full-time chairman after a radical reform of the Crown Agents structure. One of his first actions was to go through the hooks, calling in expert belp from Coopers and

Lybrand, accountants, with Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bankers, joining in. The result has been an urgent request to Mrs Hart, Minister of Overseas Development (who first challenged the old-style

Crown Agents some years ago about their unbridled activities), for financial assistance. It will take the form of a £85m Treasury grant, one of the biggest handouts from the taxpard in control of the program of the second of the pationalized in the second of t outside the nationalized in-

dustries.
Mr Cuckney told me, after listening to Mrs Hart tell the Commons of liquidity and re-serve troubles, that the difficulty for the new board put in by the Government was lack approval or disapproval.

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By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

An £85m rescue operation is being mounted by the Government to safeguard the banking operations of the Crown Agents organization, whose proud boast for more than a hundred years has been that it makes no call on public funds.

The Crown Agents were established last century to

established last century to arrange finance and to carry out other commercial duties for the colonies. They bave always acted for overseas principals, independent of Whitehall and parliamentary investigation.

It is crucial that confidence in

the Crown Agents should be maintained. Overseas govern-ments use their services to make important sterling and foreign exchange deposits in London, backed by government stocks and other securities. A significant slice of exports is arranged by Crown Agents.

Property and banking: With a turnover of about £15m a day placed on the money market on hehalf of their clients the Crown Agents had the capacity to borrow in the market on their own account (our Political Staff writes). They proceeded to do so and to invest the money to huild up their reserves.

From 1969 onwards they hecame more and more involved in property and secondary hank-ing. Early in 1970 Mrs Hart hecame aware of the extent of those involvements hut found that, although as minister she appointed the chairman, she had no powers to give the Crown Agents instructions. The incom-ing Conservative Government appointed the Stevenson Committee, whose report was not published, and further inquiries were made by a select committee of the Commons.

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Mr Whitlam approves of Britain staying in

From Ruger Berthoud
Brussels, Dec 18
Mr Whitlam, the Minister of Australia, today finally buried the idea lingering among British anti-marketers that his country would impression that the present impression that the present ing among British anti-marke- "I do not want to give any teers that his country would impression that the present welcome Britain's withdrawal Australian Government sees from the EEC.

He also implied that, if the EEC wanted steady access to Australian minerals and energy products, like coal and nium, it must he a reliable customer for agricultural pro-ducts, a reference to the EEC's present han on heef imports.
Oo Britain's sugar needs, he

said this year's Australian crop was oow fully committed. Any deal would have to he with the EEC At a press cooference near

the end of his three-day visit to Brussels, Mr Whitlam con-

firmed specifically that

Community." Indeed, the concluded, the policy statement which pre-ceded his press conference

with a reference to European economic and political integration as "one of the great hisatinn as "one of the great historical forward movements of this century". A strong EEC, the biggest trading block in the world, was an "esseutial pillar of worldwide economic stability", he said.

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any advantage for Australia.

for Europe or for the world in

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Severe sentences for Bordeaux wine itish Levland fraud reflect damage to the trade im named From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 18

Benn, Secretary of State

industry, announced last the membership of the Pierre Bert, figure in the Bordeaux wine fraud case, was today sentenced to the maximum penalty allowed by French law, a year's to advise the Government Iritish Leyland's situation prospects. eaking in a Commons allowed by French law, a year's imprisonment and a fine of 27,000 francs (about £2,500), for doctoring and mislabelling wine. The court in Bordeaux had deliberated for 33 days.

Lionel and Yvan Cruse, cousins from the respected wine firm bearing their name, were each sentenced to a year's te on a motion to enable Secretary of State to intee the company's ings, he said the team

Don Ryder (chairman); Mr Clark, deputy chairman of Samuel and chairman of the firm bearing their name, were each sentenced to a year's imprisonment suspended and a 27,000 franc fine, with the added indignity of three years probation, which is equivalent to putting the family firm under indicial supervision

Serge Balan, who acted for M Bert, a broker, in buying and selling vins ordinaires that bad Sauve! and chairman of the strial Development Advisory; it; Mr Stanley Gillen, for chairman and chief execusficer, Ford of Europe Inc; F. S. McWhirter, of Peat, ick Mitchell and Co; Mr H. n., transport and General ters' Union and Industrial sopment Advisory Board ber. team's remit, he said, to conduct, in consultation

been upgraded to noble Médocs, Saint Emilions and Graves, was given a suspended sentence of six months' impri-soument and a fine of 20,000

francs. Four other wine dealers were found guilty and given snspen-ded sentences of four months to a year, the maximum fine, and three years prohation. Ten others accused were acquitted. Both the Cruses gave notice of appeal against senience and so did M Bert, who said be was

not surprised by the verdict.

M Bert had boasted cynically in court that everyone in the trade was guilty of doctoring Bordeaux and the severity of tha judges was obviously dictated by the damage which the case had done to the reputation of Bor-deaux and of the wine trade

The public prosecutor spoke at the trial of the need to prune ruthlessly a few diseased branches in order to show that "the Bordeaux vine plant is

M Bert, by doctoring wines of the Corbières and other vineyards of the south-west, made a profit of nearly Sm francs in a few months.
The courtroom was crowded

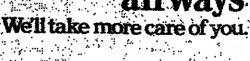
with professionals of the wine with professionals of the wine trade and reporters. The reading of the long verdict, about the length of a small paperback, was not helped by the poor acoustics which seem to he an almost universal failing of French courts.

The sentences were pro-The sentences were pro-nounced against a background of murmuring, hut there were no demonstrations of overt

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Thousands of petrol stations are likely to be shut today because many have heen snpplied with fuel at the increased price but are not allowed to charge the new retail price until tomorrow. The retailers say they cannot be expected to sell at a lnss. Page 2

Appeal Court lifts book restriction

venteen people were hurt, seriously, when two bombs oded in the centre of Brishst night. Hundreds were wated from flats, resants and a ballroom after 2 received warnings of fur-A girl aged 14 may be taken out of Britain in the next 48 hours to prevent ber from knowing that her father is described in a book to be published next week as "depraved". Her father died when she was small and her mother remarried. The Court of Appeal yesterday refused to publish rectrictions on explosions. le first homh exploded after rning and wrecked the front
a photographer's shop in
Street Police who wem in

British Rail has asked the Price Commission to allow a 30 per cent increase in Motorail fares next year. Even so, another 10,000 bookings for the service, which carries passengers and their cars

on aid committee

year. This retlects the Americans deter-mination not to bow to majority deci-sions of which they disapprove. They intend to continue using present channels for aid Page 6

Raid into Lebanon Israel troops raided a village six miles inside Lebanon vesterday. They hlew

Sugar plan starts The EEC scheme to provide cheap sugar for Britain got under way last night when the European Commission approved imports of 102,000 tons.

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Report discusses conservation, arees where savings can be made, and the environmental problems.

Pickets plea rejected

Mr Wilson refused to intervene in the case of the jailed Shrewsbury pickets when a TUC delegation, led by Mr Len

Murray, the general secretary, called nn him yesterday to urge him to secure their release by Christmas Page 4

Body in freezer: Man who killed his wife and hid her body in a deep freezer gets 10 years' jail for manslanghter 3

Madrid: Pobical tension rises in Spain

es three are sbot dead in hunt for

Paris: M Chirac wins a political triumph with the parliamentary defeat of a

Washington: More Nixon ministers are expected to resign as President Ford resbapes his cabinet Athens: Choice by Mr Karamanlis of an interim President stirs inter-party

Energy Management: Four page Special

ontlawed Basque separatists

censure motion

friction in Greece

Features, pages 7 and 14 Vladimir Komlev explores the possi-hilities for military detent in Europe Bernard Levin: A case of thee less said the hetter; Peter Strafford on the new mood of militancy at the UN.

Leader page, 15 Letters: The economy from Sir Alec Cairneross and others; kidney trans-plants from Professor H. E. de Wardener and the Secretary of the Medical Defence Union; Britain and the Middle East from Dr M. R. Mebdi and others. Leading articles: Wage inflation; Mr Whitlam's visit; Bordeaux wine trial.

Books, page 8 Michael Ratcliffe on "The Secret Life of Plants"; Paul Theroux on short stories by V. S. Pritchett and Roald Dahl.

Sport, pages 12 and 13 Racing: Sponsors' names allowed in hig race titles; Folkestone and Southwell programmes; John Woodcock reports England's reaction to Test defeat.

Business news, pages 17-23

Stock market: Both equities and gilts held up well yesterday. The FT index added 1.9 higher at 161.1.

Peter Jay Thursday column: Disinflation without tears—how to stop prices rising without bankruptcies and unemployment, and how doomsday may be

closures

day refused to uphold restrictions on the book Law Report, page g the book stigate were hit hy debris n the second homb went off, most of the blast was ab-

Motorail fares

on the same train, are expected in 1975 as petrol prices rise

US refused to sit

The United States has refused to sit on a new United Nations committee for distributing aid, decided on at a special General Assembly session earlier this year. This reflects the American's deter-

Israel troops raided a vinego inside Lebanon yesterday. They hlew up bouses which they said were used hy terrorists and took some prisoners. Page 6

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By Edward Townsend Busioess News Staff

Ten thousand filling stations day. They say they canoot cut prices or delay introduction afford to sell it until the record of the increase.

ASDA Superstores, the sub-

The Petroleum Retailers' As-Varley, Secretary of State for pendent filling stations. Energy, criticizing him for The retailers' association announcing increases in whole-sale petrol prices on Tuesday prices in the face of under-hut delaying the retail price cutting. It has also told the

tion, said garages would inevitahly he accused of hoarding petrol, hut they could not he expected to sell at a loss. A

expected to sell at a loss. A third of all garages, about 10.000, might be closed today. The telegram accused Mr Var-ley of misleading MPs, the public and the garage trade hy describing the increase io wholesale petrol prices as about 7p instead of 7.35p, the difference amounting to about £16m a year to the oil companies.

The minister had also misled

the public, it said, by stating that the retail price rise should not exceed 10p a gallon. The association has said that with the aholinon of maximum price control a gallon of four-star

In a statement supporting the claims of authors to reasonable

financial rewards, the Library Association today declares its

opposition to the proposed Pub-

lic Lending Right as a proper remedy for their troubles.

"The penurious full-time author is not going to find com-

fort and prosperity in the funds

provided by a Public Lending Right", the association says. It is one of the bodies being con-

sulted by the Government on the method of PLR to be adop-

ted when legislation is intro-

author whose works are in con-

siderable demand, and who is already probably in receipt of a quite generous income, will receive the lion's share, and the author of the book in lesser de-

A year's public service by every citizen, a contribution of

lime, not mooey, was suggested by Professor Ralph Dahrendorf, Director of the London School

of Economics, when be gave the

final Reith Lecture on BBC Radio 4 last night. Professor Dahrendorf, whose

subject has been "The New Liherty—survival and justice in a changing world", said: "We need people to do the things which we need in order to im-

prove our lives and increase our life chances. This may well be a

task to which everybody in a mature society should make a

personal contribution; a con-

By a Staff Reporter

"What will happen is that the

method of paying authors

might cost as much as 74p on Frinay.

Meanwhile, the first signs of in Britain which bave taken a possible price war at the delivery of petrol at the in- pumps emerged yesterday with creased price may be shut to- two big retailers promising to

increase in retail prices, which will add at least 10p a gallon to the price of four-star fuel, comes into effect at midnight. Many closed early vesterday.

ASDA Superstores, the subsidiary of Associated Dairies, said it was pegging the price of four-star Texaco petrol at 68p a gallon. Jet said it was delaying processes until Poving Day of the subsidiary of Associated Dairies, said it was pegging the price of four-star Texaco petrol at 68p a gallon. Jet said it was delaying the price of four-star Texaco petrol at 68p a gallon. gallon. Jet said it was delaying increases until Boxing Day oo sociation sent a telegram to Mr all grades at its own and inde-

The retailers' association told Government that petrol pumps Mr Geoffrey Atkinson, are unlikely to be able to cope general secretary of the association said garages would loevit. Gauges registering the cash amount due will he revolving so fast that the final total may be inaccurate.

The Roal Haulage Association said yesterday that the 2p a gallon rise in Derv prices would boost operators' costs by 0.7 per cent. It was another of the many increases in recent months that bad led to the need to raise

ference to his standard of

On the estimate of 113,000

He was aware of the difficul-

ties and was not thinking of a labour service drafted at the

age of 18, uniformed and bar-

racked, marching out in the

mornings singing martial songs to work up the energy for huilding motorways or digging

"It is quite possible to be

liberal and public-spirited at the

same time. There is no need to draft everyhody at the same time in his or her life; thera

can be options for the kind of

service people prefer; they

might even scatter their services

over different times and tasks."
Ha saw no reasoo why the

notion of sabbaticals should he

road-haulage charges greatly.

The hig increase in petrol prices may also help sales of diesel engine cars. The Mercedes Benz and Peugeot companies have predicted an upsurge in petrol will he at least 164p a gallon more expensive than



Detectives raided five bouses yesterday in the wake of the three homb explosions in London on Tuesday in which a man was killed. The detectives, members of the bomb squad, questioned some neonle but no questioned some people but no arrests were made.

Senior officials of the Post Office, led by Sir William Ryland, the chairman, visited the Bloomsbury exchange in Chenies Street, off Tottenham Court Road, where an explosion killed Mr George Arthur, a tele-phonist, aged 35, of Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, aouth-west

Sir William said: "I am shocked and horrified that a Post Office man going about his duty serving the public lost his life in the most callous circumstances.'

stances."
Mr Gregor Mackenzie, an under-secretary of state at the Department of Industry, who has responsibility for Post Office affairs, visited the other two exchanges involved in the hombings, at New Compton Street, Soho, and between Draycott Avenue and Sloane Avenue, Chelsea. He said he was sad-Chelsea. He said he was sad-dened by the mindless destruc-

The TUC General Council ex-pressed its shock and asked Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, to convey its sympathy to the victims. It also expressed its admiration for the courage of post workers.



Damage heing examined after the fatal bombing on Tnesday night at the Bloomsbury telephone exchange in Chenies Street.

School pay Library Association opposes report to appear on

authors eligible on a scheme of hooks handled by public libra-ries, and 7,000 new authors pub-By Our Education Correspondent

lished each year, if only half registered under such a scheme, The Houghton report on the average annual payment would be £18 for each £1m avail-able for sbaring among authors. teachers' pay will be published on Friday, Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and The association points out that the limitation of the scheme Science, said in the Commons yesterday. It was delivered to him on Tuesday.

to public libraries, and exclud-ing those in universities, schools, industry and other in-stitutions, would he a hiased sample on which to calculate Lord Houghton is expected to recommend increases costing about £400m. Those at the top payment to authors. of the profession would get Libraries brought books to much more than junior

the attention of a wider public than would ever he possible through promotion activities of publishers and booksellers, An alternative more likely to teachers. The department is unlikely to disclose the average increase, but a total cost of £400m would mand, however deserving and poorly paid he may be, will receive an amount that is not likely to make any marked difgive an averaga of about 30 per

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or politicians in opposition.

Modern societies could afford a

"Sbort of such a rule", he

continued, "or perbaps to sup-plement it, why not give every

young man and woman a voucher for, say, three years' tertiary or further education? This right could be used up

immediately after school, or

later, in one lot, or scattered

new and relevant choices at a

cost bardly greater than that of

forcing an academic or poly-technic education down the

throats of 10, 20, even 30 per

cent of all young people straight

Such a scheme would offer

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Belfast peace clergy see Secretary of State

From Stewart Tendler

Protestant church leaders from Belfast who met the Provisional IRA last week visited Westminster yesterday to see Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Iteland. Their visit caused further speculation about a possible cease-

lation about a possible ceasefire in the province.

The meeting at the Commons
was arranged last week, supposedly as part of the peace
initiative by the Irisb churches.
But it was requested after the
clergymen had talked to senior
Provisional IRA members at
Feakle, co Clare. At that time
the clergymen were waiting to the clergymen were waiting to bear a decision by the Provisionals' army council about the church leaders' ideas for achieving a ceasefire.

The army council, which has eight members, is helieved to have met secretly as Tuesday.

bave met secretly on Tuesday. The clergymen had said that they would be prepared to take messages between the Government and the Provisionals and that they would talk with Mr announcement.

Relatives at the homes of the church leaders indicated yesterday that their visit to London was unexpected.

The clergymen were the Council of Ireland Bishop of Connor, Dr Butler; Mr Stanley Worral, chairman of the New Ulster Movement; Dr A. J. Weir, clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; and the Rev E. Gallagher, former President of the Conference of the Methodist Cburch in Ireland. None of the clergymen who

has disclosed what proposals were left for the army council after a police raid bad dis-rupted talks. But it seems clear that a compromise between the Provisionals' avowed requirements for a ceasefire and the Government's position were

suggested The Provisionals bave said that among the things they require for a ceasefire are an undertaking of an eventual British withdrawal and selfdetermination for the Irish

people.

If a ceasefire is achieved it might mean that the Provisionals feel it is time to establish themselves in the political

arena.
The violence in Northern Ireland continued yesterday. A shop in South Antrim Road, Belfast, was badly damaged after two girls walked in and left a parcel on the counter saying it was a bomb. Security forces blew the parcel np with a controlled explosion.

Later in the day a small bomh was planted in a lavatory Belfast, hut no one was hurt. Damages for widow: The widow of a man shot dead by the Army more than two years ago was awarded agreed damages of £20,148 in the High Court in Belfast yesterday (the

Press Association reports).

The award to Mrs Isabella McVeigh, of Ladybrook Park, Belfast, will he sbared by her four children. She brought her action against the Ministry of her Defence for the death of her husband, Patrick, aged 45, who was shot from a passing car near his bome on May 13, 1972.

British Rail seeks 30% rise in car-carrying rate By Michael Baily

Transport Correspondent
Fares on British Rail's Motorail car-carrying services are to go np by around 30 per cent next year, if the Price Commis-sion agrees.

But British Rail expects another record year for the ser-

Treatment

like Belsen,

Treatment of a boy aged 2½ by the mother and two men would not have done discredit

to Belsen or Auschwitz, Judge McLellan said at Salisbury

John Robert Brading, aged 28, his brother, William James Brading, aged 33, and Barbara

Jean Gavin, aged 23, pleaded guilty to ill treating Miss Gavin's

assaulting him, causing bodily

The brothers were each sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and the mother to three

years. The judge said the offences occurred uoder the

nose of the authorities appoin-ted to superintend the welfare of belpless children and might

never have come to light but for the initiative and interven-

tion of a Salishury district councillor, Miss Susan Greig.

Mr Mark Dyer, for the prosecution, said the child was struck on the face and body,

made to eat his own excreta, forced to stand in a bucket of cold water, and locked in a lavatory for long periods.

The offences occurred at a

farmhouse at Swallowcliffe, near

Salishury, where the three

defendants wera living, Miss Gavin acting as William

Gavin acting as William Brading's housekeeper after his

wife had left him.

causing suffering, and

judge says

Crown Court yesterday.

of boy

rice with an extra 10,000 places, in spite of the proposed fare increase, hecause of higher petrol prices.

Examples of likely fare rises are (for driver and car, one

way): London to Stirling over-night (excluding sleeper) from 516.80 to £23.50; London to Newton Abbot daytime service, £19.40 to £23.

Over the three-year period, 1972-74, Motorail traffic bas risen from 68,000 to 90,000 at a time when fares bave gone up by only 5 per cent.

The fare rises now proposed include the 121 per cent refused by the Government last autumn. British Rail is confident that they will not arrest traffic growth. Peak services to holiday areas and round-the-year ser-vices to Scotland are being

putting forward.

"The 1974 season was a record", Mr Eric Jones, British Rail passenger sales manager, said. "And with the rising cost of motoring and the popularity of bolidays in Britain, 1975 is expected to he better still." Christmas travel threat: Britisb Rail signalmen have called an unofficial walkout today (the Press Association reports).
Southern Region hopes that
most mainline services will not
be affected, but gives warning
of possible cancellations and delays in east Kent.

NUM moderates defeat move to merge areas

By Paul Routledge

with the moderates retaining control of their in-huilt majority on the tmion's national execu-

By 16 votes to 11 the executive opted to keep the tiny Cumberland area, which has only one pit, as a constituent area of the NUM, with a fulltime agent and a seat on the executive. And in a further vote o 14 to 12 the executive rejected a proposal from the finance and general purposes sub-committee to abolish the very

small North Wales area.

Insignificant though those votes appear to he, they hold the key to the political composition of the miners' executive because these "coalfields", with only about three thousand miners between them, return two moderates to the top body, in the union. If these areas were merged with neighbouring coalfields, as the left have con-sistently argued, the moderates would lose their easy dominance

of the union's affairs.
Yesterday's voting on the issue confirms the hreakdown of the committee system within the

NUM policy-making machinery. Labour Editor

A fresh round in the internal political bartle within the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers ended yesterday with the moderates retaining field, Lancashire. It also proposed, however, that because the North Wales area council of the NUM was not pressing for a replacement to Mr Joshua

Ellis, the area secretary, when he retires in April, the coal-field organization could he merged with another constituent The first recommendation, favourable to the moderates, was carried, hnt the second, favourable to the left, was referred back (and thus rejected) with moderates who had taken part in formulating that view going against the committee's recom-mendation. The freedom of subcommittee members to vote as they like at executive meetings, conferred when Mr Joseph Gormley, tha union's president, upheld that view last week, is

clearly already causing serious repercussion within the union. The NUM executive also heard a report on exploratory wage talks held hetween national officials of the union and tha

National Coal Board two days

ago. The hoard made no offer,

Midlands:

and some coastal fog patches; mind SW, fresh or strong, max temp 11°C (52°F).

NE, W, NW, central N England,

deep felt concern since in the send, your council have the i dom to fix these salaries.

Mr Silkin said the Govment's rate support gram designed to keep down r and that the proposed incre were not inescapable com

Council in pay dispute

gives minister rebuff

Local Government

Barnet Borough Council's decision to pay its chief officers salaries above the nationally

agreed scales bas brought a

rebuke from Mr Silkin, Minister, for Planning and Local Govern-

Andrew Pares, the leader of the

council, Mr Silkin asked for full

The controversy arose after

Mr Silkin bad been told of the proposed increases in November. He asked the council for

details, saying that he considered them provocative. After

receiving the reply, Mr Silkin wrote that he was not persuaded by the arguments put

forward.
Mr Silkin said the maximum

rate for the chief executive,

£12,500, would exceed the

national maximum by £595. The proposed salary for the director of financial services would

As the minister responsible for local government my only power in this matter is 10 express my

In reply, Mr Pares said:
I am bound to say that the c
cil is most surprised that a n
ter should intervene at all in
metter, and the view has
widely expressed that your
cern is based on what can oul
described as a based does. In a letter to Councillor reconsideration, and the council will discuss the issue tonight. described as a back-door I political contact by a member the minority party of this could and following a quite inaccipress report on which your vious press statement was b. He said that the minis

calculations on the prop salaries had ignored the r 1, 1972, the chief officers w have had an annual increas the rate of 8.6 per cent. inflation at about 20 per a year, he considered

modest in the extreme. of financial services would exceed the national agreement by up to £1,517. As you know, my position in this is merely m act on behalf of the public we all serve. At a dime when central government is appealing for moderation and local government is asked to peg spending to inescapable commitments, I could not well ignore the proposals which your council is putting forward. In a previous letter to Mr kin, Mr Pares said the con had not adopted salaries acc ing to the national scales cause when the horough formed from five authoritie 1964 it bad oroved impos-to apply those scales.

The council had adopted principle that to attract an tain chief officers of the . dard required an adeq scale of remuneration mus

Gas engine cleared of bribe charg

A Gas Council engineer cleared at the Central Crin Court yesterday of acceptinhibe from a company eng-on a £2.5m North Sea gas I lioe contract.

Russell Emmony, aged 5: Heron Cottage, London R Bracknell, Berkshire, de corruptly accepting a £206 duction on a debt to Pipe Construction Ltd, of Hitchir. the purchase of a car, as an ducement to show favour. It business with the Gas Cou

from July to September 19 At the close of the prostion's case, Judge Rigg, directed the jury to find Emmony not guilty of charge. He said there was evidence that M. Emmony and the was evidence that Mr Emmony aware be was receiving the duction from Pipeline, st could not be said that be ruptly accepted it.

Mr David Tudor Price, the prosecution, said that Emmony had told the po that he wanted to buy a ticular model of a new car, hecause of a strike he could get it. The managing dire of Pipeline bad offered to the car for him through

company at a discouot. Mr Emmony had conside that quite legal, as he bought his previous car thro the West Midlands Gas Bo. and got a discount, Howe Mr Price said, Mr Alfred Pipeline's managing direct bad not been able to obtain expected discount and so the difference himself-beca £200 was such a trifling sun his company.

Mr Joy, aged 53, of Oak Drive, Welwyn Garden (still faces a charge of corru giving the reduction to Emmony. adjourned until today.

Mr Milhench to appe

Ronald Milhench, who for Mr Wilson's aignature, is appeal against the three jail sentence, imposed at ford Crown Court, his solie said last night. Mr Milhence Wolverhampton husinessi admitted eight charges, inch

When you're looking for a change, look for Winston.

People urged to work for others

of time, not of confined to a few privileged groups, professors for example,



MIDDLE TO HIGH TAR

Manufacturers Estimate

EVERY PACKET CARRIES

GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING

Mr Shore replies to Heath letter about EEC trade By Our Political Editor

In a written reply to Mr Heath yesterday, Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, said: "You will agree that Britain's post-entry trade with the Common Market has, in the event, wholly helied the confident expectations of im-provement in our performance that you and other members of your Government advanced in pre-entry debate and, in particular, in your White Paper of July, 1971."

Mr Shore added that his main concern in the state-meots he had made on United Kingdom trade with the EEC had been to draw attention to the seriousness of the imbalance: "If you bave any doubt on this score I would as you to reflect upon the fact that on a balance of payments basis the EEC accounted for 96 per cent of our total nonoil deficit in the first nine months of this year."

Mr Heath, like other Conser vatives, has been strongly chal-lenging Mr Sbore's accountancy of the balance of trade between the United Kingdom and the EEC, and some Conservatives hint that Mr Sbore is disregard ing the advice of some of his civil servants on what that

In bis reply last night, Mr Sbore stated: "I am glad to see from your letter of December 16 that the figures relating to our trade deficit with the EEC are no longer in dispute between us; and that you now accept without qualification that these move from £131m on a balance of payments hasis in 1971 to an annual rate of £1,668m in the first six months of 1974; and on a crude trade basis from £256m in 1971 to £1,951m at an annual rate in the first half of 1974.

"As to the question why there should bave been so lamentable a decline in our trade balance since we joioed the EEC, I have been careful to avoid drawing any simple con-clusions. Clearly there are a

attended the meeting at Feakle Admiralty board | Night talks on quashes Wren case conviction

A formal naval lieutenant who was severely reprimanded in August for assaulting and unlawfully imprisoning a Wren bas bad the conviction quashed. His sentence was annulled by the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

Lieutenant David John Wilkes, of Burton-in-Wirral, Cheshire, who has left the Navy, was serving in HMS Fisgard, a training establishment at Torpoint, Cornwall, when he was hrought before a Devonport court martial.

The prosecution said that during a drinking evening the lieutenant struck Wren Karen Driver and dragged her away to prevent her from entering a

A petition against conviction was submitted on the ground that the Judge Advocate, Commander David Clayton, wrongly advised that hefore the accused could rely on a defence provided by a section of the Criminal Law Act 1967 the court bad to decide that a crime was about to be committed.

The Judge Advocate was also said to have failed adequately or at all to advise the court: that it would have been a good defence that the accused used reasonable force in the bonest belief that he was preventing crime, whether or not any crime was about to be committed.

Fleet Street pay dispute

Talks were going on last night to try to resolve the pay dispute hetween national newspaper proprietors and the National Graphical Association,

reasonting printing craftsmen Both sides met officers of Both sides met officers of the Conciliation and Arbitration Service, but after eight hours they had not come together. Lord Goodman, chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Asso-ciation, joined the talks at 4.30 pm, but left after two hours saying he would return.

Members of the NGA, using guerrilla tactics, are disrupting the production of Fleet Street newspapers. The London Even-ing Standard lost 275,000 copies out of a normal run of 600,000 es a result of action yesterday. On Tuesday night production of The Times and Tha Guardian was disrupted.

The way to a fresh attempt to resolve the dispute was opened on Tuesday by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, who met the union and the proprietors separately. Pre-vious approaches to the Conciliation Service and the TUC had proved unsuccessful. The NGA has rejected a 61 per cent pay offer because it would erode its traditional differentials over other unions. Five other unions have accepted the offer.

Tax plan to stop waste will be investigated

Taxation aimed at stopping waste is one scheme to be investigated by the Waste Management Advisory Council, which is sponsored by the Government. After the council's first meeting. yesterday Mr Oakes, Parliamen-

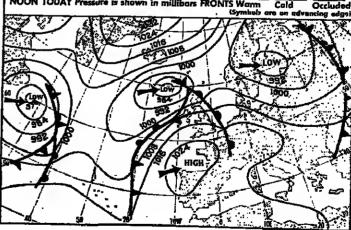
tary Under-secretary for the Environment, said they were acting with great urgency.

First reports on the possible reuse and recycling of waste paper, oil and rubber tyres should be ready by March. Britain could save £500m a year, he said by simple practical he said, by simple practical measures.

the throw-away society", Mr Oakes said. "Action must be taken by industry, local authorities and the housewife."
Mr Meacher, Under secretary of State for Industry, said the council would set up committees

on waste disposal, research and the possibilities of using tax measures to prevent waste.
Other committees would look at
waste paper, waste oils, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, tyres, plastics and packaging. Britain each year speut £800m importing ferrous metals and £1,000m "We must turn our backs on importing wood-pulp, he said.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : 8.3 am ·6m sets : 3.53 pm 8.3 am 3.53 pm

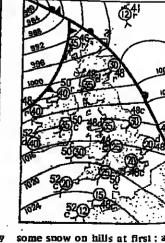
Moon rises: Moon sets:
10.48 am 10.14 pm

First Quarter: December 21.
Lighting up: 4.23 pm to 7.33 am.
High water: London Bridge,
4.48 am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 5.21 pm,
6.7m (22.0ft). Avonmosth,
10.14 am, 11.5m (37.8ft);
10.31 pm, 11.1m (36.3ft). Dover,
10.56 am, 6.4m (20.9ft): 2.20 pm,
6.0m (19.7ft). Hull, 9.25 am, 6.4m
(20.9ft): 9.13 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft).
Liverpool, 2.16 am, 7.5m (24.7ft);
2.29 pm, 7.9m (25.9ft).

A depression will move NE between Scotland and Iceland and troughs of low pressure will advance E over the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

Lake District, Isle of Man: Mostly cloudy with some rain at first, preceded by sleet or snow on hills, hill fog patches; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10° (50°F).
Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland,
Aberdeen, central Highlands,
Moray Firth, Catthness: Mostly
cloudy, some rain early and late;

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDA
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Outlook for tomorrow and urday: Becoming brighter sbowers in N and snow on More general rain spreading W later; temp near normal Sea passages: 5 North Sea, i lisb Chaonel (E), Strait of Do Wind, SW fresh; sea moderate St George's Channel, Irisb § Wind SW strong; sea rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am 6 pm, 8°C, (46°F); min, 6 pm 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 6 pm 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Homidity, 6 mil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.0 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

cloudy, mostly dry; wind SW moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

SE, E England, East Anglia: Mostly cloudy with drizzle at times estly; wind SW moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, Wales: Generally cloudy with drizzle at times; hill and some coastal for matters. some show on fills at first; a bright intervals, wind S to moderate, becoming fresh; temp 8°C (46°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy periods of rain: wind S vee SW, fresh or strong; max t 8°C (46°F).

Teachers and councils Department to study indiscipline schools

Don urges end to five-year

blans by universities

A parional policy under which cal education authorines ould give far more help to outh give far more neip to achers to find places to live likely to be worked out next ooth by a joiot working party teachers and their employers. The move follows recommon-1000s by the Pay Board last immer that local authorities hould help teachers to London by were first-time buyers. arlier this month a survey by e Assistant Masters Associablamod the lack of local of the main reasons for the igh rate of teacher turnover

the capital. This week further evidence om the National Union of eachers shows that hundreds teachers io country areas are eclining to take up jobs be-use of the difficulty of gerting ouses. It also shows wide difrences in bousing provision mong about forty authorities. Representatives of the Coun-1 of Local Education Authories and of the teacher unions

sterday to drop their system

If five-year planning. Prossor William Wallace, presient of the Association of miversity Teachers, said the cal administrative cost was

Speaking at the association's anual conference in Bath, be

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ad a national discussion on ow universities' running costs

Professor Wallace, a pro-ce-chancellor at the New niversity of Ulster at Cole-

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nine, suggested that universies should collectively buy applies in hulk. They should stablish a national agency to make the stablish a national agency to my books cheaper, set up a entral appointments agency, od have priority funds to approve refectories and cut tel bills hy proper insulation.

I positivo caso could also be tade for integrating health, outing, and sport services with the community.

One of the biggest economies lay in planning. He said:

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ould be cut down.

association, which has 1,000 members, was reexamining the possibility of joining sities The

Universities

100 per cent mortgages at fav-ourable rates 10 Buckioghamsbire 112 teachers out of 160 wbo rejected posts last year did so because of the difficulty of finding a home. In Witshire one teacher in 10 applying for a job in the past year gave up because of bousing difficulties. Io Somerset 10 applicants out of 12 for a deputy headship dropped out and there were several cases of teachers leaving because they could out keep up mortgage repayments.

lo Devon, despite e provision of £30,000 to pay removal expenses, teachers rejected jobs because they could not afford homes.

The union's research shows that Birmingham, Maochester and some London boroughs offer teachers 100 per cent mortgages with low-start ropayments. They also provide tented homes for teachers, and pay a proportion of removal expenses and a lodging or disturbance allowance. But other ciries-Newcastle upon Tyne, Sheffiold, and Liverpool, for example-and county authorities-Leices e discussing the possibility of tershire, Avon, Lancashire and cal authorities giving teachers Derbyshire—offer no belp at

Even heavier is that of stop-

gos, freezes, moratoria, and delayed, reduced and upturned

The association was re-examining possible membership of the TUC at a time when that

body was playing a greater part in decision making The result of those dolibera-

tions could be crucially important to the future of the univer-

The association at its council meeting decided to challengo the

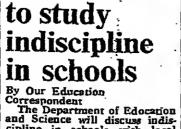
government assumption that student targets for 1981 can be reduced from 750,000 to 640,000.

Mr Laurio Sapper, tho associ-

ation's general secrotary, said: "Nobody has taken account of

the increasing number of girls

allocations."



and Science will discuss indis-cipline in schools with local authority associations and teachers unions early in the oew year. They will look parti-cularly at the system of suspendiog troublesome pupils and the practice followed by a few authorities of sorting up special units known as "sacctuaries" for pupils who disrupt the

lassroom.

The department is collating dossier oo indisciplioe culled a dossier of indiscipline culled from roports from its own inspectors of schools, research carried out by the National Foundation for Educational Research, the previous Conservative government, and the Association of Education Committees. The dossier will also include documents published recently by the National Union of cently by the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters.

Hitherto the department has been reluctant to admit that discipline in schools has deteriorated. It has always re-fused to intervene in matters

fused to intervene in matters that it considers to be more the concern of local authorities and individual schools.

But that move has been prompted by a general unease expressed by teachers and parents that disciplino has got worse. Tho department feels that it should no longer standidly by but should be seen to take a lead in finding the best methods to counter indiscipline.

It has yet to be decided whother Mr Armstrong, under-secretary of state at the depart-ment and a former beadmaster, will preside over a national

Universities back dons' pay claim

The Association of University Teachers, hacked by the univer-Teachers, hacked by the university authorities, has asked the Government for an 18 per cent salary riso across the board on top of the Phase Three settlement of 7 per cent it got last October. If granted it would add f20m to tha f11m October extrement settlement Delegates at an AUT confer-

wanting university education or of the effect of the raising of the school-leaving age on applications to universities".

But Mr David Bell, a lecturer ence in Bath yesterday passed an emergency executive resolu-tion which said that if a satisat Glasgow University, accused the association of helping to factory settlement could not be achieved the executive should attempt to reach a speedy agreeget more students into the university some of whom should not be there. He called for a ment with the university autho-rities panel to go to arhitration. If the Covernment accepted transfer to schools of resourtes achieved by cutting the rate of expansion in the university sectha claim in full it would mean tor "so that the number of schoolchildren who do come to that the present pay scale for a lecturer of £2,118-£4,896 would igh level of skills and qualifi-ations which we represent. The association unanimously ecided to continue its campaign and £7,053. The average salary universities can benefit from the high level of skills and qualifi-cations which we represent.". and £7,053. The average salary for a professor would riso from £7,257 to £8,562.

Sweated Labour: A Study of Homework, by Marie Brown (Low £7,257 to £8,562. decided to continue its campaign against cuts in university spend-

union activity took their case to the Commons yesterday. From left, Ann Sweetland, Jill Stewart and Elaine Carfrae (Diary, page 14). £55,000 bill for parish after access suit defeat

A legal battle over right of way to a riov village church at Iken, Suffolk, ended in the Court of Appeal in London yesterday with a socood defeat for the church euthorities. Al-though they face a £55,000 bill for costs they are still banned from access by vohicles to the front doors of their own

Three of the 75 gaming staff, who say they have been dismissed for

Iken Parochial Church Council sold the adjoining tectory but thought it retained rights out thought it retained rights of vehicle access. Mr Gabriel Clark, who bought the recmry, erected gates and, after a 30-day High Court hearing last years, Mr Justice Megarry refused to order him to remove them.

The church council's appeal was dismissed yesterday. appeal to the House of Lords is being considered.

After the decision Mr R. W. Fisber, a churchwerden, said: "The case was brought not only on hehalf of present only on hehalf of present an alternative route was still parishioners but future gonerative open, as it had been since 1970.

Murder remand

A boy, aged 16, was remanded in custody until Monday at Liverpool Juvenile Court yesterday, charged with the murder of Miss Helen Nimmo Bryce, aged £1, of Dorchester Park, Netherby, Liverpool.

tions who would not wish to accept the present absurd position." The church autho-rities' legal costs had been guaranteed by a momber of tho charch council

The church authorities babrought the action against Mr Clark after his refusal to allow access to builders' lorries.

In the appeal judgment, Sir John Pennycuick said the action concerned a 30-yard strip of land which the church council claimed was a right of way for all purposes. Mr Clark argued that it was a right of way on foot only.

For years the church authorities and Mr Clark bad lived in amity bur disputes arose, culminaring in certain incidents in 1971. No serious difficulty arose in carrying a coffin over the short stretch of land and no point arose about weddings.

Mr Clark said after the bearing that his offer to allow heavy

£35,000 stolen

Two raiders yesterday escaped with £35,000 in cash when they rammed a stolen van into the side of a car carrying the Christ-mas taking of a Co-operative society store at Long Eaton,

Man who put wife in freezer gets 10 years

years imprisooment at the Central Crimical Court yesterday for killing his wife and biding her body in their deep freezer told medical experts that he had tried to combat her infidelity by lavish eotertainment from the proceeds of agmed hank raids. armed bank raids.
That was stated by Mr Justice

Thesiger when the jury unanimously found Brian Fairbairn, aged 36, a former butcher and builder, of Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, Middlesex, not

Drive, Feltham, Middlesex, not guilty of murdering bis wife, Denise Anoe, aged 28, but guilty of ber manslaughter.

Mrs Fairhairo bad been stabbed in the back and strangled. She was found by her pareots in the freezer at her bome wheo they searched it after she failed to visit them with some promised sbopping Mr Fairbairn, who fled to Spain, told the police that he killed ber in a fit of jealousy after she bad taunted him over ber affairs with other meo.

Tho judge, looking at a medical report, said: "Not for the first time at these sessions, information given to the medical officer and consultant psychiatrist appears to conflict

psychiatrist appears to conflict with ovidonco givon by tho accused io court.
"He claims the marriage was

not too lovable at first but that their relationship had been improving uotil he discovered her receot infidelity and a false oame. O embarked on a period of excessive spending and lavish entertainment, trying to comploment his earnings with a series of tion into violence."

haok hold-ups using an imitation gun. This is quite different to his evidence in

There was also a conflict between the evideoce and the raport about how often Mr Fairbairn bad struck his wife,

the judge said.

Det Chief Supt Declan Hurley Det Chief Supt Declan Hurley said Mr Fairbairn had previous coovictions for factory-breaking thefts, possessing an offensive weapon, larceny, receiving stoleo goods, and fraudulent convorsion. His last court appearance was at the Central Criminal Court in November, Criminal Court in November 1970, when he was given a two year seoteoce, suspended for three years, for fraudulent con version.
The judge told Mr Fairbairn

that there appeared to be some ground for reticence over his past, but there was no doub that on May 9 he put a knife in bis wife's back until it hit the spine, then straogled her.

Mrs Fairbairn's parents, he said, clearly tried to save the marriage, probably for the sake

of the four children, and the wife, too, tried to cover up what Mr Fairhairo had goaded bo into by jealousy. "I think she was goaded into the provocation sho gavo you", tho judge said "Having killed the mother of your four childree and put the body io the freezer to be dis covered by ber unfortunate parents, you went abroad under a false oame. One bas to regard that conduct in contras with a case where real remors has been shown after provoca

Patient's death a lesson to hoaxers, coroner says

From Our Correspondent Northampton

tal, which led to the removal of more than 400 patients, hastened the death of a dying woman, it was stated at an inquest at Northampton yester-

day. Rodney Utting, aged 32, father of seven children, is alleged to have told the police in a state-ment: "I did it to stir up trouble at the hospital, to get hack at them for my vasectomy, which went wrong in January,

His youngest daughter was born in October.

Evidence was given that Mrs Clarice Bailey, of Farnworth Close, Duston, Northampton-shire died of pneumonia a few minutes after being moved in her bed from the intensive care unit at Northampton General a malicious telephone call, an Hospital to the bospital car park using threatening words.

The hoax telephone call was advice not to give evidence.

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made only 12 hours after the Birmingbam public house bomb ings in which 20 people diod.
Mr Michael Collcutt, the coroner, said that although he death was a direct result of the telephone call there was no

enough evidence to charge any one with manslanghter.

He recorded a verdict of death
by misadventure, adding; "
bope this case will serve as a
warning to all would-be boar
callers." callers.

A polico officer sald that Mr Urting, of Kenmuir Crescent Northampton, bad admitted telephoning: "Thero is a boml in the hospital going off in 21 minutes." There were 600 patients, 300 outpatients an 2,000 staff on the premises. Mr Utting was brought from Mr Utting was brought from Bedford prison, where be is a custody on charges of makin

Food chief gets libel damages

allocations.

Mr Garry Weston, chairman of Associated British Foods, is to receive substantial damages for artitles in August, 1973, in The Sun and the News of the World about his views on rising Tho damages, with costs, aro

to be paid by News of the World Ltd, which publishes both newspapers, under agreed terms an-nounced to Mr Justice Bristow in the High Court yesterday.

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full cooporation at the inquiry ordered by the Department of the Environment.

Engineers defend motorway The consulting ongineers named in the Commons last week in allegations of possible overcharging on an M5 motorway contract said yesterday that the 4 per cent rise in price part of the final total £10.44n "This represents a said in the Commons last week that the Government might have paid more than £1m too much for the work. She said ber information came from an engineer said.

between tender and completion was unusually small. Freeman Fox and Partners, who super-vised building 121 miles of the Cheltenham-Gloucester section of the motorway, also promised

paid more than £1m too much for the work. Sho said ber infor-mation came from an engineer involved in the project.

Freeman Fox said yesterday that the original contract price was £10.05m. The figure proved to bo £9.82m, and many claims by the contractor to cover onexpected difficulties amounted charges made with any of the to about £620,000 more, making parties concerned.

Woman's

73-hour

£4.08

week for

By Raymond Perman

eather notecases.

Exploitation of women home-workers is exposed in a report published today. Some worked for a fraction of the statutory

minimum pay. One worked a 73-hour week for £4.08 making

The study by the Low Pay Unit covered 50 women doing jobs varying from band-crochet-

ing and knitting to assembling

and packing ballpoint pens and fire extinguishers. Pay varied between £1 for 24 bours' work and £13.80 for 60 bours.

Women answering an appeal on the BBC radio programmo The Jimmy Young Show des-cribed themselves as the for-gotten workers. None had been

visited by a wages inspector.

Homowork offored a chance

to earn while looking after children or aged relatives. Some

paid a lump sum for machinery, for example £65 for a knitting

A third of the women col-lected, delivered or posted their work, spending 20p to 75p a week on stamps or fares. One making lampshades paid an

eighth of her weekly earnings to have them delivered and col-

Arran sweaters were sold at £16.95. The woman who made them was paid £2 Lampshades,

hand-made for 12p each were sold at 56p. Long dresses, made for 75p, were sold at

of 4 per cent on the original tender figure, which is unusu-ally small on such a size of contract today", the statement

It complained that the two MPs involved, Mrs Oppenheim and Mr Phillip Whitehead, Lahour MP for Derby, North, had criticized the company with-out seeking to investigate the

£2 increase in Automobile Association fee

The Antomobile Association member's annual subscription will increase from £5.50 to £7.50, a rise of 36 por cent, from next April, the association said yesterday. It said steeply rising costs and inflation were the reason.

It announced earlier that the subscription for its Relay car-recovery breakdown service will go up from £2.20 to £3.90 oo January 1. The services together will cost £11.40. The association said: "It will

take 18 months before the additional income for a full year is obtained. We have to try to gauge now the economic situation in two years' time, since it will be 1976 before the whole membership pays at the new

Fine for credit card offences

James Georga Denny, aged 25, a building site supervisor who admitted stealing an Access card when it came through the letter-box of his house at Archer Road, Stevenage, Herfordshire addressed to a former occupant, also needed guilty vectorday also pleaded guilty yesterday to 15 charges of using the card to obtain goods and cash worth

He was fined £75 at Marl-borough Street Magistrates' Court, and ordered to pay com-pensation to Access at £5 a

Correction Baron Nugert of Clonlost is no

a peer as stated in The Times of December 7. The title is of

Poll suggests backing for more 'teeth' in race laws

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Although most people think
Britain has been harmed by the
arrival of Commonwealth immigrants, many more believe that,
once here, they should be treated
as white people.

That is disclosed by a Community Relations Commission
survey, carried out by Opinion
Research Centre on a representative national semple of 1,111
adults. It is reported in this
week's New Society.

same as white people in the
allocation of council houses, for
jost or going to public bouses.

Mr Kohler says the House of
Lords ruled in October that the
general public to refuse membership to people because of
their colour.

"Strikingly", Mr Kohler adds,
"ao eight-to-one majority said
week's New Society.

week's New Society.

Mr Devid Kohler, principal reference officer at the commission, sees in the poll wider backing then pessimists might assume for the intention of Mr Jenkins, the Homo Secretary, to give more "teath" to legislation against racial discrimination.

"Although the majority of per cont said it should not, and the British public may not have wolcomed the arrival of newer Mr Kobler adds: "Clearly

ing to join a club".

The survey also asked: "Do you think the law should be





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minorities, the survey suggests that they generally accept them now they are here." A majority thought coloured Neverth people should be treated the did so."

treatment with whites in apply-

changed so as to make it illegal for these clubs to refuse mem-bership to people because of their colour?" Haif the respondents thought the law should be changed, 37

some people were unwilling to commit themselves to support for a positive change in the law. Nevertheless half the sample

Moves for by-election may begin soon in Mr Stonehouse's seat

tional point for the authorities of the House of Commons.

Mr Stonehouse's constituency, where he has a 15,885 majority, is being looked after by neighhouring MPs, but it is clear that Walsall, North, Labour Party is not bappy about that Mr Walter Brown, assistant national agent at Transport House, is to meet constituency officials on January 3 to discuss what action to take. In view of Lahour's small overall majority, they may he advised to begin preparations for a by-election. Mr Harry Richards, Mr Stone-

house's agent, said yesterday: "I think the party here would prefer some definite advice. Either rhey will tell us to go ahead, or hold on a hit longer, but at least something definite will, we hope, be said."

Before a writ can be issued the Speaker must have announced the death of the MP in the Commons, if it is sitting, or in The London Gazette if

The Speaker's advisers have to decide whether to act on precedent or to formulate a new procedure. As the Speaker usually acts on precedent, they will have to go back 33 years to the last war, when a proce-dure was devised to decide whether writs should be issued to fill seats left by MPs presumed dead.

February, Speaker announced that the to get another MP for Walsall, House should have a more direct responsibility for deterthat it must have any effect on

The average British chicken

laid fewer eggs this year than in 1973, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. Although the individual decline was small

it was equivalent to a national

reduction of 300 million eggs.

Farmers said that rising costs had led to three factors tending

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

The disappearance of Mc arisen. Any scheme of proce-John Stonehouse, aged 49, dure should be comprehensive Labour MP for Walsall, North, enough to include other cases a month ago in Miami, has of presumed death through raised an interesting constitutenemy action as well as the cases of members presumed

> l propose to secure the assistance of a panel of advisers, consisting of members representative of the various sections of opinion in the

When the presumed death of a member through any form of enemy action has been notified to me. I will, at my discretion, consult two members of the panel, and, if it is found necessary, around into the enders on which inquire into the evidence on which presumption of death is based-If satisfied, I will announce the presumed death of a member to the House, according to my usual practice.
I propose that a period of a week

I propose that a period of a week should then be allowed to elapse, during which it would be open to any member of the House to address a request to me for further information. After the expiration of a week, it would be permissible

That procedure was adopted in the case of Colonel James Baldwin-Webb, MP for the Wrekin, who was in a liner Wrekin, who was in a liner bound for Canada when it was torpedoed in September, 1940. His presumed death was announced in the Commons by the Speaker the following July.

If the Commons decides on a by-election, by whatever procedure is agreed, it does nor follow that that would have to the accepted as proof of Mr. he accepted as proof of Mr Stonebouse's death.

A constitutional expert said:
"It is for the House to decide
to get another MP for Walsall,

farmers were keeping more

hens for a second year to reduce rearing costs, chickens

lay fewer eggs in their second

had slightly reduced the quality of some poultry-feeds, and, third, some farmers were find-

ing it more economical to use

cheap feeds, which lowered egg

Second, costs of raw materials

Rising costs reduce egg production

Stonehouse phone-tap ordered by Mr Wilson

By Christopher Walker

During autumn, 1969, Wilson gave instructions for the telephone of Mr John Stonehouse, then Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, to be apped, and for him to be accessed thoroughly by security services.

That explains Mr Wilson's statement to the Commons on Tnesday that the allegations against Mr Stonehouse, Labour MP for Walsall, North, who has been missing in Amarica for a month, were fully investi-gated by the security service. Last night Downing Street refused to say how long the screening operation took before Mr Stonehouse was confronted with allegations made about him by Major Josef Frolik, the Czechoslovak intelligence ser-

vice defector. "It is not our practice to discuss the work-ings of the security service," I mas told.

The allagations, made by Major Frolik during debriefing by the American Central Intelligence Agency, referred to Mr Stonehouse's activities in an earlier part of the 1960s. earlier part of the 1960s. At the time he was under scrutiny he gave no evidence to the security services to substantiate

any of the allegations. These in the main concerned his involve-ment in a spy ring financed by the Czechoslovak Government. Downing Street last night also refused details of whether Mr Stonehouse had ben cleared by the security services when he was confronted with the allegations made by Major Frolik. The British authorities had regarded highly much of the information provided by Major

There had been heavy losses

yield of a battery hen was 232 eggs in the year ended Septem-ber, 1974 compared with 239 in the previous 12 months.

Comparable figures for free-

range hens were 173 and 181.

There has also been a continuing increase in hroiler-

rearing. Fewer than a twentieth of the hens kept for egg-laying

are now free-ranging. Almost nine tenths of all egg-laying chickens are now broiler-reared.

The ministry said the average

earlier this year.



Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, with Lord Shinwell during a House of Commons reception yesterday.

Cash change delays oil survey

Science Correspondent

gations in the North Sea are being delayed because of changes in the support of research and development from government funds. The issues are raised in the annual report of the Natural Environment Council published today. They are particularly con-cerned about the survey of the

United Kingdom continental shelf carried out by the council's Institute of Geological Science. The survey was started in 1969, after discussions with ministers, at a cost of about £1.75m a year. The object is to investigate by shallow drilling the geophysical survey the structure, properties, and resources of the sbelf. A small, but not unimportant, application is to discover and assess bulk minerals (sand and gravel) and high-value nonferrious ores in the upper layers of the seabed. About a tenth of

programme concerns exploita-Important geological investition of the bydrocarbon resources of the shelf. Although in the first year or so the institute was able to pioneer the exploration in certain areas. such as in Cardigan Bay, prospecting for oil and gas is elsewhere almost entirely the role of the companies.

The primary contribution to tion moves into deeper and more exposed waters, accurate information will be even more necessary about the geotechnical properties of the bed.

Difficulties have come with the transfer of research support under the new system of the Under the system the customer is a government department, and the contractor is the research council, university department, commercial re-search organization, or other institution that might do the work. The contractor is found through the particular research requirement board, set up to monitor that field of activity.

About 85 per cent of the to place the main responsibility for the future of the programme with the Department of Energy.

to cut hydrocarbon exploitation is proving to he more one of understanding the charac-teristics of the seabed for the funds for the confinental shelf programme were initially transferred to the Chemical and Minerals Board of the former siting, stability and safety of all rigs and pipelines. A far heter top jobs Department of Trade and Industry. Arrangements have now knowledge of the geology of the upper layers of the ocean heen made to bring the profloor is essential. As explora-

gramme to the attention of the Shipping and Marine Technology Requirements Board. But, according to the report, the real solution would seem to he

number of

In reply to criticism that the

Strathclyde regional council are too high, Mr Geoffrey Shaw, convener of the council, said yesterday that when the authority comes into power in May £170,000 a year will be saved in the salaries of senior staff. He told a press conference in Glasgow that the council would have 32 fewer senior officials than are employed by the present authorities in the region. "While I am not suggesting that similar economies can be achieved right across the board, it is an indication of the way the regional council is

attempting to keep costs down to the minimum", he said. The savings would be made ministrative officials.

Mr Shaw said it was unfor-

would be taking over as Britain entered an economic crisis. For the next year at least the policy would be one of retrenchment rather than expansion. He did not believe that the public would want services to he expanded at the cost of greatly

ncreased rates. Recruitment of staff would be kept to a minimum and Dr Lawrence Boyle, the council's chief executive, had told the director of manpower services and the head of management services to sorutinize carefully all staffing proposals.

By George Clark
The clash over arms spending which resulted in 54
Labour backbenchers voting compromise. He proposed sering a delegation to Mr Mass Secretary for Defence to the figures straight.

Mr Foot calls truce

to get defence facts

against the Government's

That the national executive com-

mittee, disturbed by the fact that there is to be an increase in arms

spending in both real and cash terms, asks the Government to

introduce substantial reductions.

Apparently Mr Allaun, one of the leaders of the rebellion in

the Commons, repeated his familiar argument that in terms of pounds and pence the spend-ing would rise from this year's

estimated £3,660m to more than £8,000m a year in five years time if the present rate of infla-

Calling attention to the Labour manifesto statement on arms, he said the Government's

programme committed the United Kingdom for the next 10 years to spend a higher proportion of the gross national

product on defence than any of Britain's chief Western allies.

Mr Callaghan, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, said there would be real defence

cuts of £300m next year, £500m in three years time and £750m

in six years, his figures being

related to present spending. Mr Allaun and other left-

ever, argued that he was ignor-

Mr Michael Foot, Secretary

ing future inflation.

winger, moved:

defence programme in the Com-That was agreed, the moti being allowed to "lie on a table" until next month's me mons on Monday had its acquel at yesterday's meeting of Labour's national executive. Labour's national executive.

Neither Mr Wilson, an exofficio member, nor Mr Mellish,
the Government Chief Whip,
was present when Mr Allaun,
MP for Salford, East, seconded
by Miss Maynard (Sheffield,
Brightside), another left-The deputation to Mr Mas will consist of Mr Allaun; John Forrester, of the engine ing workers' technical a supervisory section; Mr Jo Chalmers, of the boilermake

nnion; Mr Mikardo, MP, Tower Hamlets and Bethi Green; Mr Kitson, of Scottish motormen's union, Tom Bradley, of the Transportation; a Mr Hayward, party gene

secretary.

A monon put forward by M
Maynard, backed by Mr Allai expressed perturbation abo the Prime Minister's stateme in Paris on December 7 whi opened up the possibility the might make a recommend tion to the British people EEC membership. That, t motion said, was contrary the executive's decision in Ju to hold a party conference the outcome of the renegot

in the debate. Mr Haywa supported the manifesto co-mitment that the people decision would be binding of the Government. When the ve dict was given both pro-Eur pean and anti-European shou be prepared to accept the ve dict of the people.

Eventually it was decided : let the motion lie on the tabl Mr Hayward will see Mr Wilso to make arrangements for a tw day conference, probably in the

New council | University and firm in joint drug project

From Ronald Faux

Edinburgh A £7m research centre for the ommercial development of nev drug and medical treatments is to be huilt at Heriot Wat University, Edinburgh. The centre was claimed yesterday to be the first of its kind in Britair to hring together so closely university and a commercia pbarmaceutical company.

Ir will occupy six acres of the university's research park a Riccarton, Midlothian, an employ 50 people, many of then

graduates. The company involved is Syntex Pharmaceuricals Ltd, the British subsidiary of Inter-national Syntex Corporation, whose research in the live sciences has had particular success in the area of arthritic-

The first phase of the deve-lopment, costing £1m, will start work in 1976. One of the first research projects will he aimed at heart diseases.

Dr George . Christie, managing director of the new centre, said clinical trials of new products developed would be carried out in hospitals in central Scotland. The products would be marketed first in

The university said its scheme to turn 20 acres of the Riccarton campus into a research park had met with general hostility when it was first announced. It now seemed that the original plan bad been too cautious

ro reduce egg-laying. Mr Denis Wellstead, of the poultry department of the National Farmers' Union explained. First, he said, dignity rather than charity says Colin Morris



The test of a truly civilised society is how it treats those least abla to dafend themselves in the rat race, especially the aged. This world is better than it might have been because they have made it so. At the very least they have earned peace after the struggles of lifa, dignity rather than charity and a place of honour amongst us - precisely the things Methodist Homes for the Aged gives them. This magnificent embodiment of the Christian faith in action (and what other kind counts in the and?) could help many more if only we would pay off a fraction of the undischargeable debt we owe to generations who have left us so rich an inheritance. I believa that whan tha history is written of tha British Churches in the 20th Century, Methodist Homes for the Aged will rank as one of its greatest and lasting achievements which is no cause for complacancy, but humility, gratituda and ganarosity. If you can't give for Christ's sake, than give anyway as a tokan of respect and affection for someone who holds a hallowed place in your memory and halped to shape your future.

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Old people's Mr Wilson declines to homes get £85,000 fire protection

stalled immediately in all Nottinghamshire County Council's 24 old people's homes, the council announced yesterday. Eighteen old people died in the fire at a home at Edwalton, near Nottingham, last Sunday.

Precautions include fire and smoke barriers in all the homes, and smoke protection systems in the 12 one-storey homes similar to the Fairfield Home. An inquest on the 16 women and two mes who died in the fire opens in Nottingham today.

MP resigns from Bow Group

Sir Anthony Meyer, Conserva-tive MP for Flint West, said yesterday that he had resigned from the Bow Group hecause of editorial criticism of Mr Heath. In a letter to the group, Sir Anthony said the leading article in Crossbow calling on Mr Heath to quit "constitutes a direct attack by the group on Mr Heath's leadership".

Explosion trial nears conclusion

A jury at Oxford Crown Court will be asked to consider ver-dicts today in the case of four young men who have pleaded not guilty to charges including recklessly endangering life by planting explosives.

The defendants are Michael Peter Skelding, Andrew Grainger, Roger Randall Moore and Dermot Brian Dobson

18 pc pay rise in water service

A wage settlement, bringing rises of £4 a week was agreed yesterday for the 35,800 manual water service employees in England and Wales.

The figures ensure that low-aid workers will receive at least £30 a week.

Ferry reprieved

British Rail is postponing the proposed closure of the Hey-sbam-Belfast car and passenger ferry service from February 1 to April 6, after recommenda-tions by the area transport users' consultative committee.

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intercede for pickets

By Our Labour Staff
A combined delegation from Construction, Allied Trades and the TUC and the National Technicians, saw the Prime Executive committee of the Minister. Fire safety systems costing nore than £85,000 are to be intalled immediately in all Not-Shrewshury pickets in time for

the costs go for that work.

Eric Tomlinson and Dennis Warren were jailed for three years and two years respectively after being found guilty of conspiracy, unlawful assembly and causing an affray while picket-ing building sites in Shropshire during the 1972 national building strike. Earlier this month they were refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Yesterday a team from the TUC, led by Mr Len Murray, general secretary, and including Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, Mr Kenneth Gill, general secretary of the Technical and Supervisory Section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and the merits of cases

spiracy laws in the case. Mr Wilson told them that the exercise of the prerogative was not his responsibility and that he did not think it was a matter to he considered by the Cabinet. Under pressure from the TUC delegation, Mr Wilson said he would notify Mr Jenkins of the

meeting but make no recom-Our Political Staff writes: The Home Secretary last night rejected demands at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party that he should exercise his pre-rogative to release the pickets. Ir was a fundamental principle of our system of justice, he said, that the decision in individual

cases was a matter for the courts. The rule of law and the independence of the courts would be seriously undermined if Governments were to rejudge

Lack of copies of new rules frustrate divers From Arthur Osman

Birmingham The conference of the new

because of a shortage of copies of government safety regulations doe to printing difficulties. Several hours of discussion about better training and safety

for divers working in the North Sea oilfields were generally inconclusive, although closely argued. The 40 or so divers preaent were said to represent the whole British diving contingent in the oilfields.

Mr Harold Cox, association administrative director, a former Royal Navy petty officer, said that Commander Jack Warner, one of the speakers, the only diving inspector in the Department of Energy, had had to fly to Orkney to investigate the death on Tuesday of a diver. The conference expressed concern about the growing number of inexperienced divers in the North Sea, attracted by

Reform of laws on prostitution, morals and vagrancy urged By Marcel Berlins

Legal Correspondent

Proposals for a thorough reform of the laws on prostitu-tion, morals and vagrancy are made in two working papers

published yesterday. A Home Office working party, making the first study of crimes linked to soliciting since the Act of 1959 which forced prostitution from the streets, suggests that there is need for a new law against

male "kerb crawlers".

The Law Commission recommends the abolition of the controversial offence of conspiracy to corrupt public morals, but to plug the gaps left by the scrapping of that and other common law offences proposes

some new specific crimes The two reports, which contain the provisional views of the two bodies, are published together by design.
The Home Office working

party says that all the evidenca it has obtained suggests that the activities of kerb crawlers (men who accost women from cars) are causing considerable nuisanca and sometimes distress, especially in big cities. It proposes that not only terb crawlers themselves should be liable to a fine or months' imprisonment under the proposed law, hut also men who persistently accost a woman or women in a public place for the purpose of making aexual advances. But the report makes clear that the offence would not apply to ordinary "cbatting up" of

Offences of soliciting, the working party suggests, ceed not be greatly reformed as the Street Offences Act, 1959, is substantially meeting the objec-tives envisaged for it. It also says that the system by which alleged prostitutes are first cautioned for soliciting on

separate occasions

policemen hefore being charged with an offence in the courts should be retained. Penal reformers, such as the

Howard League, are likely to be disappointed, bowever, that the working party feels there is still a need for possible sentences of imprisonment for soliciting, even though it suggests that imprisonment (up to a maximum of three months) should only he imposed where tha woman has more than one previous conviction for solicit-

Tha Law Commission also deals with one aspect of prosti-tution, the euphemistically couched advertisements in shopkeepers' windows. It feels the display of those advertisements should not be an offance. But if a shopkeeper was shown to be making exorbitant profits (there was evidence that some were charging up to £40 a waek for showing a small card) they should be prosecuted for living off immoral earnings.

The main thema of the Law

Commission's proposals is that most cases charged as conspiracy to corrupt public morals could be dealt with by the existing statutory law. The use of the conspiracy offeoce has been criticized on the ground that it related to conduct which would not be a criminal offence if done individually and because it was said that judges were in fact creating new law based on their own ideas of morality. Other common law offences

in the area of morals ahould also he aholished, the Law Commission suggests, including conspiracy to outrage public decency, indecent exposure, keeping a disorderly house, obscene libel, and conspiracy to dabauch

Together with the Home Office working party, it proposes instead a series of specific statutory crimes. Among them are the exposure of male geni-

tals in circumstances likely to cause offence, and having sexual intercourse or performing other overt sexual behaviour in a place where it can he seen and

The Home Office working party also calls for a newly defined offence to deal with the public exhibition of indecent material, in circumstances where it is forced on the public. It makes clear, however, that it is not suggesting any further re-strictions on what individuals may wish to see.

The Obscene Publications Act should bring within its opera-tion all exhibitions of films on unlicensed premises which ought to be licensed. At present they are auhject to censorship neither by the British Board of Film Censors nor the Act.

Live sex shows abould be dealt with on the same basis as the obscene performance of a play, which is governed by the Theatres Act, the Law Commission proposes.

The Home Office working paper makes proposals over-hauling and modernizing the laws on vagrancy, many of which date back 150 years. It proposes offences in line with conditions today to replace the old crimes of begging, being found on enclosed premises and being a suspected person.
It also recommends the crea-

tion of an offence of causing a nuisance by sleeping rough. But the crimes of fortune-telling and operating as a pedlar without a licence should be repealed, it says, as should the distinctions under an Act of 1824 between idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and in-corrigible rogues.

The Law Commission, Working Paper No 57. Conspiracies Relating to Mords and Decarcy. Stationery Office, 75p. Home Office Working. Party on Vagrancy and Street Officness Working Paper, Station. ery Office £1.22.

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rom Our Correspondent

#adrid Dec 18 The hunt for Basque activists

sulted in three killings in one ight and bombs wrecking shops ng tanu tombs wrecking snops
three Basque towns, according to reports in Madrid today.
At Mondragon, near Bilbao, nknowo people in a car rachine gunned two civil guards death at a roadblock last ight when the police tried to ight when the police tried to alt the car in a search for tembers of the outlawed sparatist organization ETA Basque Homeland and Liherry). At another roadblock four riles from San Sebastian, the olice opened fire on a car early the state willing a young and the state of the same search.

TA and joining the driver of nother car that had already opped. Early yesterday, within about a bour, bombs exploded in

day, killing a young man with o apparent connexion with the

ree sbops: in San Sebastian, landragon and Tolosa. No juries were reported.

There was reason to suspect at at least one of these exlosions was not the work of the TA as the chop in Tal TA, as the shop in Tolosa osed last Wednesday in symathy with the underground ill for a geoeral strike. It had so prominently displayed a oster demanding an amnesty r political prisoners. In Alava the police arrested

o suspected Basque terrorists, ath of whom had been legedly driving stolen cars aded with arms and exolo-

In Sestao, pupils at a state thool were given early Christias bolidays after an anonyous caller said that a bomb ad been planted there. No man was found after the school as evacuated. Twelve political prisoners in

d were taken to huspital on tions under their twenty-third day of a proposed law.

ank robberies

Her codefendant Frau Aone-

The court found that Frau

iepmann, together with other

urt in the rohberies

aids on six banks

om Our Correspondent

- 2 years' jail

or six

erlin, Dec 18

M Chirac in censure debate From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 18

The motion of censure against the Government's policy, the first since it came to power, was lost early today by a wide margin, as expected. Only the Communists, Socialists, and Left-wing Radicals—183 all told—voted for it. It needed an absolute majority of 246 votes to bring down the Government. There is only one recorded nation-wide huoger strike by

Triumph for

There is only one recorded case of this having bappened under the Fifth Republic. In 1962 M Georges Pompidou, then

Prime Minister, was goted out of office over the question of

the Constitutional referendum to institute the direct election of the President of the Republic by universal suffrage.

The present debate and vote was intended by the Socialists to smooth over their running differences with the Commuo-

Sunday, and over the Govern-

ment majority.

He used the debase skilfully

desperate clinging to the common programme of 1972—"an immutable and congaaled hible" he called it. "Perhaps,

in trying to adapt it, you are afraid of hringing into question the agreement which hinds you," he taunted.

His forcefulness and self-assurance overcame the besita-

tions and misgivings in Gaullist

demonstrate that this hattle was

political prisoners to support an amnesty call. Six are being fed intravenously but the others bave refused such treatment. The strike goes on in 10 prisons involving more than 150 political orisoners, most of them

The polarization of colitical forces seemed more obvious in Madrid today. Right-wing organizations prepared demonstrations for Friday, the first auniversary of the assassination of Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, the Prime Minister. A number of moderate political figures made it clear today that they did not intend to accept the redid not intend to accept the regime's offer to form restricted
political associations.

The offer, expected to come

into force before the new year, allows Spaniards to form political organizations only within the framework of the Falange-based differences with the Commuo-ists by a demonstrotion of the unity of the left. It failed io its object. On the other hand, it gave M Chirac, the Prime Mini-ster, a chance to consolidate his hold over the Gaullist party, of which he became the leader on National Movement

The Government has banned lectures by Señor Joaquin Ruiz Giminez, a Christian Democrat and former Education Minister, and Señor Garrigues Walker, a moderately liberal businessman, at a Madrid school of business administration. Their "subversive" subject was to have been: "The post-concilia Church and business." Church and business ".

The Barcelona news magazine, Mundo, has chosen Senor Pio Cabanillas, the recently ousted liberal Minister of Information and Tourism, as "Spaniard of the year" and Senor Mario Soares, the Socialist Foreign Minister of Portugal, as "world man of the year". Neither was present in Barcelona to receive

the awards. Both Señor Ruiz Gimenez and Senor Cabanillas had indicated previously in private conversations that they did not intend to try to form political associations and misgivings in Gaullist ranks, which only two days before had been seething with criticism of the shock tactics hy which be was elected secretary-general of the party. He rallied them in opposition to the common enemy of the left, which indulged merely in destructive criticism instead of playing a constructive part in the work of government and the hattle against the crisis.

His speech, of more than an hour, drew added strength from the fact that he was able to demonstrate that this hattle was tions under the terms of the

West Berlin to negotiate with E Germany

From Our Correspondent Berlin, Dec 18

Frau Ingrid Siepmann aged (was sentenced to 12 years' prisonment by a West Berlin The West Berlin Senate today, informed the East German Government that it was prepared urt today on six charges of ink rohbery and of unathorized issession of arms. to negotiate on proposals made by East Germany last week.

beiog won by giving his troops two items of good news, on the price and foreign trade fronts.

In November, French foreign trade was almost balanced, trade was almost halanced, after having chalked up a deficit of 1,489m franc (£135m) in October, and the rise in prices would probably fall to less than 1 per cent for November M Norbert Segard, the State Secretary for Foreign Trade, commenting on the first set of figures, said too much importance should not be attached to the results of one month. The proposals include speeding up and improvement of traffic between Berlin and West Germany by rail, road and water, economic cooperation and se Reiche, aged 25, was given seven-year term for taking the offer of electric power for the city. nembers of a politically moti-ated group, bad stolen more han DM500,000 (£90,000) in

The Bonn Government yester-day agreed to negotiate on the East Germany proposals.

and effectively to demonstrate the majority's cohesion and to Commonwealth preference: Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Mindefend the economic and social policy of the first six months of his Government's action.

He also used it to point to the dirisions of the left, and its ister, says in Brussels that he sees no advantage in Britain leaving the

Concern over Italian plot inquiry

Rome, Dec 18

Fears are heing expressed about the consequences if responsibility for inquiries into right-wing plotting is transfer-red from the Padua judiciary

The decision rests with the Court of Cassation which has still not pronounced officially. But there is a widespread feeling that inquiries into the most serious allegations will be con-centrated in Rome.

According to reports from Padua, the change will be made shortly before Dr Giovanni Tamburino, the Padua investigating judge, will be in a position to throw light on the so far uoknown organizers of right-wing conspiracies. Dr Tamburino was the judge

wbo ordered the arrests both of General Vito Miceli, former head of the Secret Service, and General Ugo Ricci, a leading officer in the general staff and formerly commander of an armoured regiment. He has also issued a warrant for the arrest of General Francesco Nardella,

The fears expressed in Padua are that the transfer to Rome of these ioquiries will seriously hold up the pace of the investigation.

is the case of Signor Pietro Valpreda, the anarchist accused of the Milan bombings of December, 1969, which marked the beginning of systematic right-wing political terrorism.

He was brought from Milan to Rome. Responsibility was later returned to Milan and was then transferred to Catanzaro. A group of right-wing extremists has sioce been arrested for the same crime and Signor Valoreda, five years later, is still awaiting trial.

Another element in the distrust of Rome arises from the Milao inquiries. A neo-fascist who was arrested is acknow-ledged to have worked for the Secret Service, and the magistrate who ordered the arrest has suggested that the right-wing plotters are regarded with some degree of sympathy by both the Secret Service and the Army staff.

in these assert ons, the susp. con is there that the extreme rvestigation. can, look for understanding
The disconcerting precedant among highly placed indivi-

> Dr Tamburino is said to feel that he has managed to reveal a substantial part of the struc-ture of the extreme right-wing organizations engaged in challenging both public order and the democratic order. But he has not yet been able to give more than an indication of the existence of a central body, described by one of the accused as "Organization X".

The natural completion of bis inquiry would he provided by a thorough investigation into this supposedly top body in the hierarchy of right-wing sub-

It is regarded as no coincidence that television has just revived the Costa-Gavras film Z which describes the collusion in high places and intrigue which ruined the investigation of a Greek judge into a political killing in 1963.

Left-wing rift perplexes many Communists

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 18

A third of France's working-A third of France's workingclass Communist voters do not
understand why the party
leadership is quarrelling with
the Socialists, according to a
Publimetric opinion poll published in L'Alarore today.

This compares with 27 per
cent who believe that the
leadership is critical of M
Mitterrand's party for "sound

Mitterrand's party for "sound reasons". The Communist leadership has accused tha Socialists of being willing to consider compromises

OVERSEAS_

Smith party hears of settlement plans

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, Dec 18

The parliamentary caucus of the ruling Rhodesian Front party was briefed today by Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, on the attempt to reach a con-stitutional settlement.

Asked afterwards if there was any dissension the chief whip, Mr Dennis Divaris, replied: "No, there is no dissension in the party. The question of dis-sension did not even come up." He said the caucus meeting was routine. A meeting is believed to be scheduled for tomorrow at which senior officials from the party's various branches round the country will be briefed on the situation.

The first meeting of the newly-enlarged executive of the African National Council is expected in the next few days. In addition to the acting chairman, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, and three other original ANC officials, the new executive includes Mr Joshua Nkomo, former leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union, and

three of his colleagues and the Nev Ndabaning Statote, former leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union and three of his

colleagues. The Rhodesian African na

The Rhodesian African nationalists agreed to merge their movements into the more moderate and legal ANC, at the recent meetings to Lusaka.

The enlarged ANC also encompasses a fourth movement, Frolizi (the Zimbabwe Liberation Front) which is the product of an earlier and abortive attempt to unite Zapu and Zapu. Because of their active involvement to the guerrilla war, Mr James Chikerema, the Frolizi leader and his three top officials in Lusaka are unable to return to Rhodesia to assume their position on the ANC executive.

The ANC executive meeting will attempt to hammer out a strategy for the forthcoming con-

stitutional conference. It is thought unlikely that any deci-sion will be reached before Christmas on the site of the conference or on the delicate issue of who will chair it.

NZ economist to Peking zoo gets face trial

Wellington, Dec 18.-A judge today ordered Dr William Ball Sutch, a leading New Zealand economist, to stand trial on a charge of a breach of the Official Secrets Act.

Dr Sutch, aged 67, formerly liead of New Zealand's Department of Trade and Industry, bad earlier pleaded not guilty to a charge of obtaining infor-matioo useful to an enemy. This was in a magistrates' court where be was committed for trial after the prosecution said he bad held clandestine meet-ings with Soviet diplomats in

Welliogton.
Dr Sutch applied to the Supreme Court for a motion that no indictment on the charge be presented against him and the application was heard in chambers by Chief Justice Sir Richard Wild, who dismissed it in a judgment handed down in the court today. Pauter open court today,-Reuter,

two rhinos From Our Own Correspondent Peking, Dec. 18 Mr Edward Youde, the Bri-

tish Ambassador, 100ay handed over to the Peking 200 two young white rbinoceroses which bave been sent as a gift from the London Zoo.

from the London Zoo.

The rhinoceroses, which are in exchange for the two Pandas sent to Britain as a result of Mr Heath's visit to China this year, are named Mungo and Nykasi, and it is boped that eventually they will mate. Both animals were born in British 2008

Parliamentary pay rise debate ignored

Ottawa, Dec 17.-A parlia-mentary debate on a 50 per cent pay rise for Canadian MPs was adjourned after 90 mioutes today for lack of a quorum.—Reuter.

British firms encouraged to improve African wages

The Government has decided that it is right for British com-panies with boldings or subsidiaries in South Africa to give evidence in public that they are treating their Africao employees properly. An uoder-taking is given in a White Paper, published yesterday, that action will be taken to encourage British firms to improve the wages and work-ing conditions of coloured

workers.
The White Paper gives effect to the Government's decisions on the recommendations of a parliamentary select commit-tee, which reported in March this year. The committee's guidelines for employment practices by British companies with interests io South Africa were set out in a code of practice distributed to parent com-panies earlier this year. Since then, the White Paper

says, the Government has been considering the committee's other recommendations after.' consultations with both sides of industry.

The proposals are based on a system of voluntary disclosure which is to be strengthened in

its value by extensive publicity. The White Paper says that the Government bas decided that British officials, both in Britain and in South Africa, will constitute to draw the attention of tinue to draw the attention of business to the code of prac tice and to stress the Govern-ment's endorsement of it.

Secondly, supplementary guidance on labour matters in South Africa will he sent to all British companies with affiliates there.

Thirdly, British companies with subsidiaries in South Africa will be invited to publisb regularly information that

shows the progress being made to raise the living standards and working conditions of African employees.
Fourthly, a first secretary is to he appointed to the British Emhassy in South Africa to

keep departments in Loodon fully informed on labour matters there and to provide, when required, general infor-mation and advice to South African subsidiaries of British firms.

Wages and Working Condi-tions of African Workers Employed by British firms in South Africa: HMSO, 12p.

EEC begins scheme for cheap sugar

russels, Dec 18

The European Commission's cheme to provide the British ousewife with cheap sugar got one tonight, when the Com-lission approved tenders from he trade in import 102,000 tons f raw sugar from the world

The bulk of this will go to iritish refineries, and there-ore to British consumers, with small amount for the French. t will be subsidized from the EEC's farm fund to the tune of

just over £200 a ton, making a total EEC subsidy of over £20m. A similar exercise last week produced only blds which the Commission considered too

fn October the EEC's Council of Ministers approved a Com-mission plan to bridge Britain's 1975 sugar deficit by buying mission plan to bridge Britain's 1975 sugar deficit by buying sugar on the world market and subsidizing it down to the price guaranteed to Community producers, roughly £156 a ton. This compares with the current world price of £430 a ton (it was over £600 a ton recently).

To reduce the cost of the sub-sidy to the EEC, about which

the Germans were particularly worried, sugar traders are given a certificate allowing them to export next year's EEC crop without paying the present high export tax, thus giving them an opportunity to gamble on the future market.



Cape Verde Islands to get independence next year

Lisbon, Dec 18.—Portugal will grant independence to the Cape Verde Islands on July 5 next year, Dr Antonio de Almeida Santos, the Overseas Territories Minister, announced in Lisbon today. He said elections for a constituent assembly would be held on June 30, and a transitional government headed by a Portuguese High Commissioner would rule until then.

The minister was speaking at a ceremony in which the Portuguese governors of the Cape Verde Islands, off West Africa, and the islands of Sao Tomé and Principe, on the equator, had their titles changed to High Commissioner.

Dr Almeida Santos said the transitional government would bave five ministers named by the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands (PAIGC)—the ruling party in the West African state of Guinea-Bissau. Article 1 of the constitution of Guinea-Bissau (formerly Portu-guese Guinea) calls for political union with the Cape Verda Islands.

The constituent assembly would have the task of preparing a constitution for the new state, Dr Almeida Santos said. President Costa Gomes, or a representative delegated by him, would transfer powers to the president of the constituent assembly in a ceremony at the Cape Verde Islands capital of Cidade da Praia on July 5.

Luanda, Dec 18.—Admiral Antonio Rosa Coutinho, the Portuguese High Commissioner in Augola, flew to the rown of Luso this morning for talks with leaders of two of the territory's three liberation movements.

He was meeting Dr Jonas Savimbi, chairman of the National Union for the Total National Union for the Total
Independence of Angola
(UNITA), and Dr Agostinho
Neto, chairman of the Popular
Movement for the Liberation of
Angola (MPLA).
It was the first time that two

liberation movement leaders had held joint talks with Portu-guese officials on Angolan soil. The meeting has increased speculation among observers here that the three Angolan liberation movements—the third

is the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) shortly will achieve a common front leading to the establish-ment of a transitional government

Portugal is seeking a summit conference with the three liberation movement leaders to fix the composition of the transitional government, and to decide on further steps leading m indepandence.—Reuter.

Jose Shereliff writes from
Lisbon: At the investiture in
Lisbon today of Commodore

Almeida d'Eça, the new High Commissioner of the Cape Verde Ialands, who has been governor, President Costa Gomes emphasized that he could be the face of the could be the governor, President Costa
Gomes emphasized that he
would bave to face up to delicate problems and to "economic and social conditions which
have been aggravated by
drought." For six years now tha
islands have suffered drought, and been sustained largely hy subsidies from the Portuguese

Government.
The investiture of the High Commissioner comes bard upon a wave of arrests of what the a wave of arrests of woat the PAIGC authorities in Cape Verde call "agitators" of the freedom movement UPICV. They accuse more than a dozen arrested Cape Verdians of plotting to assassinate PAIGC leaders.

Swedes board Soviet ship in restricted waters

From Our Correspondent Stockholm, Dec 18

Swedish officials were today questioning the captain of a Russian cargo ship who, they said, set anchor in restricted waters near Stockholm without asking for permission.

A Swedish Coast Guard torpedo boat forced the Russian state merchant vessel, Volga-Balt 177, to dock at Norrtalle, near Stockholm, after the cap-ain said he was forced to drop anchor in restricted waters to seek shelter from a storm.

Swadish police and marine authorities boarded the 2,300 mn vessel and were questioning the captain, who refused to go ashore. The Swedish Foreign Ministry said the case was being treated as a civil marter for the

The Swedish Supreme Command dismissed the captain's assertion that the weather was had. "The weather was cerhad. "The weathar was certainly not stormy, and the captain surely knew he was entering restricted waters, with coastal batteries", it said. "He must have known that he was supposed to ask permission from us to anchor."

Several hours after tha ship was boarded, there was no word whether it would he allowed to sail. Govarnment sources said it was probable that Sweden would

was probable that Sweden would make an official protest to the

Soviet Government.
The Foreign Ministry said tonight that police would remain in the ship overnight to conduct a complete search. The Government of the control of the cont ment would issue a statement tomorrow after the police had

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More Nixon men expected to resign as President Ford moulds his Cabinet into shape

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 18

Mr Claude Brinegar, the Secfor Transportation, announced his resignation from Peter Brennan, Secretary of the Administration today. He Lahour, and Mr Earl Butz, Secwill probably be succeeded by retary of Agriculture. Mr John Robson, e lawyer from Chicago who was once general of the Treasury, has confided to counsel to the department, and who is a close friend of Mr Donald Rumsfeld.

Mr Rumsfeld is President Ford's chief assistant and he is now well into the swing of removing Mr Nixoo's Cahinet officers. Already he has cleared all the senior Nixon men out of the White Housa.

The last to go was Mr Roy Ash, director of the Office of the White House. Management and the Budget, whose resignation was announced yesterday. It will take effect about February 1, when the Budbet has been delivered to Coogress.

Mr Ash will probably he succeeded by Mr James Lynn, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Other Cabinet

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 18

The United States has caused

something of a stir at the United Nations by announcing

that it will not sit on a new committee which will be in

to be swept along by majority decisions of which they dis-approve. The speciel fund was

one of two thet were decided on at a special Assembly

session earlier this year, and

today, with communist units

threatening to cut off much of

Phuoc Long province, north of here, military sources said.

Don Luan, a district capital 60 miles north of Saigon, the sources said. The garrison of several hundred Government

militiamen was holding out with

air and artillery support, hut the sources described the situa-

militia hase in the province had

Another district town and a

Communist troops entered

Americans' determination not ing aid.

the Americans have consistently charter.

America refuses to sit on

Saigon, Dec 18.-Close-quarter fallen in the past few days, and

roll back.

fighting broke out in a strategic communist troops fought their

South Vietnam crossroads town way into a further town two days

new UN aid committee

retary of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr Frederick Deot, Secretary of Commerce, Mr

Mr William Simon, Secretary his friends that he does not know whether be will survive the reshuffle. This would leave Dr Henry Kissinger at the State Department and Dr James Schlesinger at the Pentagon with, perhaps, Mr Rogers Morton safe at the Department of the Interior. It remains possible, however, that Mr Morton might, like Mr Lynn, be promoted into

Meanwhile, Mr Edward Levi, presidant of the University of Chicago and Attorney-General designate, has come to Washington to talk to the congressional leaders who will have tn approve his appointment. Con-servative Republicans are opposed to it, because Mr Levi

said that they saw no point in

might he useful for "newly rich member states, without established patterns and insti-

The American decision came

after the General Assembly bad

ago, inflicting more then 130 Government casualties, accord-

no report on the fighting in

Don Luan, hut said the airstrip

just outside had changed hands

twice. Militiamen recaptured it after losing it last night.

believe any Vietcong gains in Phuoc Long may be among the hardest for Saigon's forces to

Government military sources

Elsewhere in the province, the

They suggested that the fund

officers expected to depart soon Mr William Saxbe, who has just are Mr Casper Weinberger, Secressigned, will also have to be resigned, will also have to be confirmed in his new post as Ambassador to India.

Most of these departing Cabinet officers ere men of no ourstanding ability. Many of them were installed for Mr Nixon's second term with one of Mr Haldeman's bright young men as deputy to keep an eye on them. Mr Jeb Magruder went to Commerce, Mr Egil Krogh to Transportation (both later went to jail), Mr Edward Morgan went to the Treasury,

Early next year, therefore, Mr Ford will have his own Cabinet, as he elready has his own White House staff. Mr Rumsfeld has been preparing a new nrganization for the White House, splitting up the empires of Mr Haldeman and Mr Ehrlichman into a number of separate offices.

The reorganization will be announced soon. America will have a functioning and competent government again for the

Mr Wilson to visit US on January 30

Mr Wilson's visit to Washington will take place on January 30 and 31, preceded by a visit to Ottawa. committee which will be in tutions for rendering assistcharge of distributing aid to the developing countries.

The decision reflects the existing chancels for distribut-

The Prime Minister has been iovited by Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, to take the opportunity of seeing him while he is in North America and Mr Wilson will fly to Ottawa on January 29. Before returning be will see Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Notions, taken another controversial decision by agreeing to set up a committee of 42 to review all aspects of the United Netions

in New York. Mr Wilson will be accompanied by Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary. Bitter fighting at Vietnam crossroads Saigon command reported that

> and the provincial capital, Phuoc Binh—already cut off by ing to the sources. road from Government lines.
> The Saigon command issued was hir by three rockets today. The upsurge of ection in Phuoc Long followed coor-dinated communist efforts in other regions, stretching Government forces.

militiamen were driven from

positions guarding two bridges.

There has been e call for e prolooged ceasefire, to start et Christmas, from Senator Vu Van Meu, leader of the opposition National Reconciliation Forces.



Mrs Charlotte Lange, of California, with her only living sextuplet. Last year she lost quad-

Lebanese village raided by Israel troops

From Paul Martin Beirut, Dec 18

Helicopter-borne Israel troops attacked a village six miles inside Lebanese territory early today, blew up six bouses and kidnapped four villagers. The ettack is the latest Israel riposte in the steadily growing war be-tween Israel and the Palestinian

The Israelis attacked only bours after Lebanese parliamentarians had recommended that the country should seek Arah counsel and possibly aid in new defence measures to repulse Israel attacks. Although the latest attack was only a pin-prick, it served to keep alive the new awareness of Lebanous' defencelessness in the face of Israel attacks.

According to a Lebanese mili-

tary communique the Israelis struck just after 2.30 am (0030 GMT) at the village of Majdel Zoun in the western border area. It said the Israel force had made its escape by the time Lebauese defenders reached the village. In addition to the six houses destroyed and the kid-napping of four villagers, a child was injured.

Although the Israelis claimed that the houses they selected were used as guerrilla bases, no day.-Reoter.

mention of guerrillas was made in the official Lebanese commu-

Moshe Brilliant writes from Moshe Brilliant writes from
Tel Aviv: The Israel raiders
reportedly were met by sporadic gunfire. There were no
reports of casualties.
Military beadquarters said all
six houses hed bean searched

and evacuated before they were blown up. The bouses had been selected because they had been used by terrorists. Two "used by terrorists". Two Arabs had been brought back for interrogation.

An Arab attack on the border kibbutz of Hamira, at first was officially reported as a karyusha rocket hombardment from Lebanese territory. Then it was discovered that the border security fence and the Hanita village feoce had been breached and infiltrators fired hazookas and lobbed grenades from within the village grounds.

Jerusalem, Dec 18.—The Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, who was jailed for 12 years for aiding Arah guerrillas has been on hunger strike since Friday, prison authorities said today. But they said be bad agreed to take a glass of specially-pre-pared concentrated food twice a for free speech in Israel kind they use to lock up Arab suspects."

Treason inquiry arouses fears

The Shahak affair has caused a furore in academic and poliinvestigating alleged activities in support of the Palestine Liberation Organization by e chemistry professor of the tical circles. It has to be seen in the light of the emotional reaction to the Rabat summit and United Nations recognition of the PLO, which has convinced the mass of Israelis that they are again faced with a fight for survival.

Public opinion is heavily

against the professor, although few Israelis were aware of his gation is Professor Israel activities until recently. Yet there is a troubled minority, particularly of students and lecturers, which regards the Shahak, chairman of the Israel League for Human and Civil Rights, which frequently com-Government investigation as the and ill-treatment of prisoners in first erosion of the cherished Israeli tradition of free speech, ecademic freedom and the right in the Knesset by Mr to fight for unpopular causes.

Haim Zadok, the Justice Mini-Professor Shahak's critics rester, in answer to a suggestion by a right-wing Lukud member that the professor should be put tort that these must be sus-pended in Israel's present peri-lous simution, which they com-pare to that of warring Britain. on trial for treason. A storm pare to that of wartime Britain. Strangely, the campaign against him has been led not by right-wingers—although be has been denounced in most newspapers—but by two leading Liberals, Professor Amnon Rubinstein and Mr Uri Avneri.

Professor Rubinstein, former dean of Tel Aviv University's law faculty and leader of Shinui (Change), a new group which aims drasticelly to rehlew np over Professor Shahak in October, when he visited Holland to attend a meeting of the Durch Palestine Committee. He was accused later in the press of baving supported Palestinian terrorists and taking

part in a demonstration outside the Israel Embassy. Professor Shahak demes the accusations. which aims drastically to re-form Israel society, opened the attack in the daily newspaper Haaretz after Professor Shaporting Palestinian rights be publicly denounced terrorism, including the Kiryat Shmona and Mealor massacres, et tha meeting in Holland. Nor did he take hak's visit to Holland.

He described Professor Sbahak's activities as "a mental perversion . . . worse than those of Lord Haw Haw and At his flat in Rehevia, Jerusa-lem's most fashionable district, be told me: "Everything I do Tokyo Rose during the Second World War". There was no doubt that there was much is in the open. They have nothing against me; but I expect, from what I bear from prima facie evidence for bring-ing Professor Shahak to trial for treason. but this would make a martyr of him "and we would seem to substantiete his friends and at the university, that in a few weeks' time they deteorion order on me of the

Professor Rubinstein poir out that the Minister of Interior had the power to rest the citizenship of 2 person a bad "committed a deed of loyalty to the state of Isra but had not used this author "for reasons best known to ! self". He also attacked Hebrew University authori for allowing Professor Shaha keep his post, asserting academic freedom was

unlimited and could not pro "Sbahak and those like his The university rector, Prosor Michael Rabin, replying Hacretz praised Profe Shahak's performance of duties, and said he had acade freedom which he did not to introduce politics into

Mr Uri Avneri has denous Professor Shahak's "horror paganda" as " liable to serv ammunition in the hands those who aspire to destroy state". Professor Shahak is repentant. He counter-char that Israel newspapers wi have printed violent attacks him have refused to let reply, although he bas suhmi articles answering the all

tions point by point.

In an article prepared for English-Language Jerusa Post, but not so far publish be says: "I am not e defended to the says of th I am an accuser", and goes to renew his allegations that the occupied areas Israel is c ducting "one of the most cr

and repressive regimes modern times.

He edds: "When a Jew sthe Syrians tortured him must believe him at once. but when a Palestinian clai thet Jews tortured him we m not believe blm in any wa

Israel officials deny the ture eccusations and maint that no complaints bave be made by Red Cross represtatives who visit prisoners.

The people behind an advertisement

By Edward Mortimer The Committee for Justice in the Middle East, whose adver-tisement in *The Times* last week provoked so much cootroversy, was set up in 1968. Its chair man is Dr Muhammad Mehdi,

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, Dec 18

committed treason.

the occupied areas.

Israel's Ministry of Justice is

Hebrew University in Jerusalem,

so that the Attorney General can decide whether there is evidence to establish that be bas

The subject of the investi-

plains of repression of Arabs

The investigation was dis-

He contends that while sup-

part in the embassy demonstra-

will serve an administration

a lecturer in mathematics at Birkbeck College, London. Dr Mehdi is a British subject of Iraqi origin. Dr Mehdi told me yesterday that the committee bas 200 to 300 ordinary members", each of whom pays an annual subscription of £1. Most of these, he said, are Areb students and sympathizers, but a large minority is British, including a number of British Jews. In addition there is a mailing list

of 680 people. The committee is run by an He executive of nine people, of ment

whom Dr Mehdi and three others are Arabs. Its aims are
to bring to the ettention of
the British public the truth
about the Middle East conflict and to defend the human rights of the Palestinians in Israel and in the occupied territories. It has been alleged in Lon-don that the advertisements pleced by the committee are financed by the Arab League. But both Dr Mehdi and the league's London office strongly

According to Dr Mehdi, the money comes from "dooors, supporters and sympathizers, including "a lot of fairly wealthy Arab husinessmen who have been settled here for de-

He claims that the advertise-

"brought in a flood of do tions, support, sympathy agreement", end that il should make it easier to finer further advertisements in till! future.

Dr Mehdi admits that there considerable overlap betwe the committee's membersh and that of the Council for t Advancement of Arab-Briti Understanding, founded 1967, and also that of Palestin Action. But, he says, tho organizations are more polical, whereas the committee co centrates on human rights.

This particular adverti-ment, he adds, was "triggere off" by anger at the front-pe photograph in The Times Mrs Golda Meir, the form Israel Prime Minister, cryir on Mr Wilson's shoulder.

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The Opposition's reaction was

A joint statement confirming

President Tito's invitation, ex-pressed satisfaction over the evolution of Greek-Yugoslev re-

lations and voiced the common desire for closer cooperation.

The two foreign ministers agreed to consult at regular in-

and administrations and their peaceful coexistence depends on

the agreement of their leaders.

The Turkish Cypriot leadership should be consulted

on all issues concerning the Turkish Cypriot community."

Unless these realities were taken into consideration efforts

to achieve a peaceful settle-ment would fail. Mr Denktash also reiterated that the Turkish

Cypriots recognize the Arch-bishop only as the leader of

the Greek Cypriot community and not as the President of

has refrained from any com-ment about the incidents. But the pro-Makarios Greek Cypriot

newspaper Apogeomatini said today that the incidents "were organized jointly by the British and the Turks". The newspaper blamed the British "for failing

to take adequate measures to

prevent a few tens of extremist Turks from demonstrating in

It alleged that the British

objective was to force the

Cyprus Government to consent to the transfer of the 8,000

Turkish Cypriot refugees in the

Episkopi base to the Turkish-occupied part of the island, as

demanded by Turkey.

The Turkish Cypriot press also blamed the British "for

allowing Makarios to enter the

should have been aware that the

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The newsperper Bozkurt said:

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President Makarios himself

for Michael Stasinopoulos, former president of the mail of state and a state inty of the ruling New nocracy party, was elected Parliament today m be in-in President of the Republic-is to bold office until the y Greek constitution is draf-and promulgated, some time he spring. oon after his election, Presi-

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1 and the laws of the Greek ion, and maintain and protect national independence and grity of the Greek state". Te was applause and shouts

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he new President received votes out of 291. There were votes against, eight blanks, three spoilt papers. The less of the Opposition said although they had nothing inst the person of the President would work against to register their disappoint to register their disappoint in that Mr Karamanlis, the ne Minister, had chosen to a partisan character to the t presidential election after abolition of the monarchy, fr George Mavros, leader of Centre Union/New Forces ty, said: "With the elecof a party personality as sident, a tradition is establed whereby the fundamental ingious shall depend on the of the majority party. We thus being led to a new o of one-party state, which ardly conducive to the con-

o of one-party state, which ardly conducive to the condation of democracy."

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r Rauf Denktash, the kish Cypriot leader, said y that it was regrettable

the British authorities did prevent Atchbishop Maka-

from attempting to visit kish Cypriot refugee camps

de the British sovereign of Episkopi, in southern

Makarios's visit could a been worse", Mr Deoktash I in an interview with the dash Cypriot Bayrak radio

'It is regrettable that Arch-

bop Makarios, distegarding Turkish leadets, attempted make the visit for political is, and that the British authoes did not prevent it." resident Makarios had to

at a hasty retreat yesterday en Turkish Cypriot refugees cked the approach roed to of the camps at Episkopi. the presidential car turned

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he abortive visit was the

sident's first attempt to

ae into direct contact with kish Cypriots since he re-ned to the island from his

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dr Deoktash said: "For

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Pakistan minister resigns over allegations of totalitarian rule under a parliamentary cloak", he said.

Islamabad, Dec 18.—Mr Khursbid Hasan Meer, the Paki-stani Minister of Labour and Health, has resigned and re-newed demaods for a judicial inquiry into allegations of corruption. In his reply, Mr Karamanlis said he did not share the Opposition's view that the majority party should consult the other parties over the election of a president. In most Western countries the president was a party man. "When we speak of a president above parties, we mean the manner in

newed demaods for a judicial inquiry into allegations of corruption.

In his letter of resignation to Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, published in today's newspapers, Mr Meer accused Mr Maulana Kausur Niazi, the Minister of Religious Affairs, of character assassinations, corruption and blackmail.

Mr Meer, who is 49, has been a Cabinet Minister since Mr Bbutto formed his first Government in May, 1972. He also resigned as deputy secretary-general of the ruling Pakistan People's Party.

Three days ago Mr Meer offered to resign so that allegations of corruption against bum by Maulana Niazi could be investigated. He also called for public inquiries by High Court judges into any allegation of corruption or malpractice against any government minister. The Opposition's reaction was directed less against the interim President, whose duties will be purally ceremonial, and more towards the president who is to be elected under the new constitution to succeed him. It is now assumed generally that Mr Karamanlis will take over as president, with increased executive powers, as soon as the new charter goes into effect. All other parties bave expressed their opposition to the presidential system. tial system.

Mr Karamanlis bas accepted an invitation from President an invitation from President Tito to visit Yugoslavia. The invitation was conveyed by Mr Milos Minic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, who bas just ended an officiel visit to Athens for talks with Mr Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister, and other leaders.

ister.
His offer was met with official silence. In his letter yesterday he elleged that Maulana
Niazi's men in the Information Department had put pressure on to the press to delete part of his previous letter relating to the Minister of Religious

Mr Meer said that since he had released his first letter to the news media has Saturday, "the men Maulana Niazi had planted or patronized in the Information Department and the news have hear even busing at press have heen even busier at

press have been even busier at their dirty game.

"It would hear a high-level judicial scrutiny to uncover the corruption, pepotism, and blackmail by which he had seduced them during his tenure as Minister of Information and Broad-service."

Maulana Niazi was Information Minister for more than two years multi he took over the Religious Affairs portfolio in a Cabinet reshuffle in October. Political observers helieve that the main reason for the

power struggle within the party end Mr. Bhutto's direct involve-ment in it, is thet there have heen no elections for party offices since it was founded in 1967. All senior positions have been filled by Mr Bhutto's nominatioo.

But a reorganization of the party is now under way. Rolls are heing compiled of party memhers, and party elections are planned for lete next year.

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thick mints.

£4 from parlours everywhere).

Dennis Topping, of Business

in charge of home news and

more tools, indoor and out.

golf halls.

News, has a list of tools-

Yankee screwdriver,

Australia stays deportation order on Czechs

Melbourne, Dec 18 Mr Clyde Cameron, minister for Labour and Immigration, today ordered the release from custody of two release from custody of two Czech seamen who jumped ship at Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria five months ago and were awaiting deportation. The men were released peod-

ing further inquiries into their case. Meanwhile, they must report to the Immigration Department in Darwitt once e Jan Janik, a mechanic, and

Jaroslav Reimisch, a cook, made their escape from the ship, Praha, when it docked at Groote Eylandt to load manganese ore last June. They hid in
the hush and reported next
morning to the island's police
station, where they asked for political asylum.

Department Immigration hatred for the Greek Cypriots and particularly against the Greek Cypriot leadership. Was their aim to let Makarios he lynched by the Turks?" officials flew them to Darwin and told them that they were free to find jobs while their request for political asylum was heing processed.

effort, thought, a little more Refresher from Cosmetics à la Carte, oecessary to combat life in Loodon's grime, and a £6 money than I can easily afford, and even some envy because I would like to keep it for myself. | Londoo hus ticket. Because it meets more than one The unlimited hudget nominations become even more ori-ginal. Sheridan Morley, shortly of these criteria, Peter Jay's recommendation of 251bs of to leave the paper, waots a lifesugar gets the eccolade for the long subscription to The Times. Christmas 1974 gift in the

two with one car (the other character directs traffic).

Under £5 category. Well, you might just get it for under £5, hut who is able to buy all their sugar at the lower prices-les alone get 25lhs of the stuff. Whet amazes me is that nobody else thought of it, including myself who makes wine. Michael Leapman, who runs the diary, suggests the latest Dick Francis thriller while Sheridan Morley is rether more

exotic with the idea of Beodicks Valerie, my assistant, wants half-hour of body massage, a foot massage and pedicure which sounds as if I should work her less hard (cost about

Holidays are popular-coverdrill, anything gimmicky as loog winter Gardens Palace at as it works, and Duke Elling. Luxor, Acapulco for four at ton's eutobiography, Music is the Les Brisas hotel, e promismy Mistress. Margaret Allen, sury note from Cooks Tours features editor, wants Badedas, as usual, and our marketing chief is among those who long for excellent wine—Philip Howard specifies champagne or malt whisky hut would also appreciate book tokens. Charles Moke, one of British Leylands former slories can be bought former slories.

hy asking for camera films and So much for receiving. Whet Under £10—Caleche perfume. in the under £5 sector, range leather bound Japanese from a good vegetarian cookery photograph albums from Har- book to flowers. Signs of The rods, dinner or theetre for two, Times, a book of road signs camera equipment, shrubs that stay alive and a boiler suit (for gardening?) are part of a list that also includes cassettes and mended). Having said which, I more trals indoor and out more tools, indoor and out.

Rather more esoteric, but still uoder £10 probably for the last year—are an electric Sellobiography of Marilyn Monroe is tone dispenser (last seen mooths). tepe dispenser (last seen mooths another idea. The Stockbroker ago in Selfridges and not found Game is put forward as the only

selves than for their offspring. Two people and a cart cost £1.14 but individual animals are 36p. At Herrods, Fortnums, eli branches ol Debenhams end House of Fraser and at other stores. Tonka's head office ia el Fishponds Roed, Wokingham, Barkshire. ■ My own definition of the cassettes for the car are offse ideal present is that it should by a practical order for e hulk cost me something to give—
supply of woollen gloves, halfeffort thought a live more adozen bottles of Cucumher

• Tonke people follow the usual Tonka tredition of being strong enough for children to stand on them

which they will. But these are vary small finger puppets despite their strength. The ledy in the bottom row has three faces because the top part, including hairdo and faca, swivals round the body to give three expressions. Some tittle people are set in tiny cars, some are animals, and some are in sets of

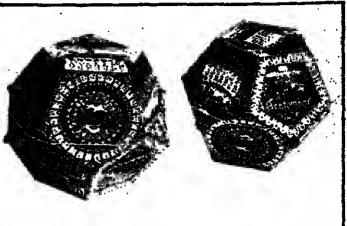
Ask for the Tonka Gigglers, adjust their faces to the mood of the moment, and you will find you want one on the deak as much as a child wants one at home—in fact, more adults are buying thase for them-

> Peter Jay longs for a Solaris catamaran from anyone who has £50,000 to spare. Michael Leapman—a weekend cottage on the Côte d'Azur and the time and means to use it often. Valerie's dream cottage is in Northumberland, cext door to a heated, Olympic-size swimming pool maiotaloed by someone else and complete with a giant antique bed. Dennis Topping wants tickets for two to Jamaica, a villa in the South of France (which comes up often), repayment of his mortgage or a Pipet Aztec complete with ownership of a convenient land-ing strip. Charles Douglas Home covets a single lense reflex light-metered Pentax, a good second-hand piano and a Grand National runner and his keep for four months, which is more modest than the gentleman who insists on a Derby winner, and never mind a mere runner.

ing cruises up the Nile, to the Douglas-Home, assistant editor former glories, can he bought rehuilt hy a Battersea supplier affairs, gives away his hobbies and is top of somebody's hy asking for camera films and

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• Here comes the annual reminder—an aerosol spray for the live Christmas tree. S-600 protects greenery with a clear, dry film that allows the tree to breathe but traps moisture already in the leaves or oeedles and so prevents or delays debydration in hot atmospheres. Not only a way to avoid a good deal of needles-drop hut you might eveo successfully plant the tree out for next year—if that is the inteotion, bed the roots in a tuh of damp earth. A fresh tree will oot shed its oeedles when you hrusb your hands along a branch. Keep it out of doors until the latest moment, then give it a cool corner of the house. S-600 is 35p or 55p at many stores, garden shops, Boots, etc.



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Shona Crawford Poole edmires Mooo Boots (around £16 to £17) from Italy. She says the big base and sole, like those worn hy men oo the moon, are perfect for after-ski on sore, bruised feer and for walking on snow without exhaustion-io dark colour splashed with hrilliant stripes, they are in many ski sbops.

A year's supply of Krug 1964 would cost a lot. And e matched set of brooch, oecklace, earrings and accessories of emer-alds and diamonds—with quality stones-would cost hundreds of thousands. Holidays in this price range cover Tbailand, Haiti, California, India, Kasbmir, Nepal, Sikkim or round the

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Handbook for dissidents on psychiatric examination Moscow, Dec 18 .- Two Soviet Kiev, was senteoced to 10 years

political prisoners bave produced a tactical bandbook to guide dissidents subjected to psychiatric examination. It Three air bostesses from odon on holiday in Greece re killed yesterday in an airpsychiatric examination. It recommends lying and submisaft crash on the island of sion to the authorities.

ykonos. Their bodies were win to Athens to await instructus from next of kin.

The British embassy identified

Miss Diana The typewritten manuscript, entitled Handbook to Psychiatry for Dissidents, is circulating in Moscow. It was written in prison hy Vladimir Bukovsky and Semyon Gluzman. e victims as Miss Diana ompson, aged 22, Miss Valerie augh, aged 23, and Miss wila Groarke, aged 20, air stesses with British

and Semyon Gluzman.

"Your fate depends on your ability to be immoral to people and organizations who profess the morality of a Hottentot", the book says. "There are no grounds for bope in the conscience of doctors."

Mr. Rubowsky, was conserved.

They bad apparently joined r Philip Lally, the pilot, who as also killed, on a single-gioe Piper Cherokee four-ater aircraft, rented from lympic Airways for a day's Mr Bukovsky was sentenced in 1972 to 12 years in prison and exile for publicly alleging that same persons are put in Soviet mental bospitals. Mr lympic Airways, fot a day's cursion. Mr Lally was an ustralian of Greek origin. The craft crashed about eight dies from Mykonos airfield. Gluzman, a psychiatrist from

for defence speoding since the Second World War, but Western analysts believe other sections of the Soviet budget include bid-

of the Soviet budget include bid-den military eppropriations.

Earlier, Mr Nikolai Baihakov, head of the State Planning Commission and a Deputy Prime Minister, told the 1,500 deputies that this year's grain harvest was only 195.5m tonnes.

harvest was only 195,5m tonnes,

27m tonnes down on last year's

record of 222.5m tonnes.
The 1974 total has only been exceeded in 1973, but it is still believed to he a disappointment

to the Soviet leaders who had set a target figure for the year of 205.6m tonnes. A particularly had harvest in the eastern

for dissident activities.

Recommending tactics for those being examined, the book says: "It is fatal to adopt the morality of the dissident-truth, sincerity, sympathy—he-cause that would mean giving truthful replies to questions damaging to yourself." It would give the psychiatrist "the symptoms he needs".

Meanwhile, Analoly Marcbenko, aoother dissident citizenship Mr Marchenko, who served

three years in labour camps between 1968 and 1971 for his book My Testimony, describing prison life in Siberia, told reporters by telephone today that be had also requested perto emigrate to States.—UPI mission

Russia announces token defence cuts Sovier officials complained last year that much of the crop as registered was in fact dirt, snow and weeds, amounting, according to Western calculations, to as much as 15-20 per

Most observers regard the 1973 record as an exception, due to unusually good weather and a campaign to offset the had harvest of the previous year, when the Soviet Union had to make vast grain purchases on the

Western market Although hreakdown figures for this year have yet to he announced, it appears to he the Ukraine, the Soviet Union's tra-ditional breadbasket, which came to the tescue with a harvest as good as last year's .-

Ornamantal biscuits that can be Christmas or assorted coloura can eaten (apart from the string and be ordered.

idea. In fact, they need not be estan are 72p per baker's dozen (13, that hecausa they are made to be kept is). Tha cer, chicken, fish, butterfly, from one year to enother, dusted off shooting star, loving heart, ordinary and boxed for rehanging another star, four-leaf clover and holly leaf Christmas. While the biscuits are in cost 12p each or £1.44 per baker's few shops only, they can be bought dozen. A lion and Christmas trea ara by post from the maker. Mrs Judith 15p each or £1.80 per baker's dozen Wills, 43 Fox Hill, London SE19 2XA. end an old men (or a wise man?) Orders must be in excess of £2 and is 20p or £2.40.

The mushroom and pear shapes

glitter) are an old-fashioned party

of England some branches of Keymarkets and Fine Fare and many others. Marketed hy Cordoniu, Burlington Buildings, Oxford Place, Norwich NOR 07D. The £3 version is in an ornate, green decorated box, looks good and could he sefely posted, I feel, with some additional

wotld. "SAY WHEN" New report on Britain's population. Send 50p for copy (tick) Portable colour TV is a good idea since these must go up in There ought to be a jar price; but I doubt the wisdoor of giving a Prussian-blue Jaguar XJ 12 with matching windows since); an addition to some way of making money just oow, unique old prints of the Treasury, of which I particularly like one showing the old Horse one showing the old Horse besteo by her 18-year-old direk, cosmetics, ill-fitting socks and pages, useless desk furnished. complete with portable colour TV for wayside halts.



Peasant Skirt With Side Pockets in Pure Wool Flannel and Velvet. 108.75 and 138.75

Mr Vasily Garbuzov, the finince minister, told the Supreme oviet that next year 17,400m oubles (£10,023m) would he issigned in the budget for de-

This represents a cut of 200m ouhles (£118m) on the 1974 ingure, and means that in 1975 only 8.4 per cent of the budget will officially go to the military compared with 9.1 per cent this

Mostow, Dec 18 -The Soviet

inion today announced a small eduction in military spending or 1975, apparently as a signal bat the Kremlio is cautiously onfident that detente with the Very confident that detente with the

Vest will continue.

The percentage is helieved to and Kazakhstan pulled the total be the lowest publicly admitted down

A mystery at Findhorn

The Secret Life of Plants.

By Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird (Allen Lane, £2.75)

Plant and Planet By Anthony Huxley

(Alien Lane, £4.95) My hibiscus sulks. No question. It (sbe) languisbes grotesquely wheo a little short of water, and takes two years to produce a fat red bud so heavy for the stalk supporting it that a glance from me, any hright morning, will send it crashing to the ground ucopened. A year ago, she expended so much energy on the creation of a new shoot late, and quite unexpected, been in a state of nervous sentimentality, an imminence suspension ever since. Does she of apocolypse and doom (the know that I have utterly lost earth and most of the sea are she sulks.

there was something wrong with me: I should raise the quality of my vibrations. Mr Backster's experiments open generation of a new Life Force
The Secret Life of Plants, and uniting all creation. In other
tine gardeners of Findborn close words, religion.

In the early 1960s miracles of horticulture were achieved on a galeswept, soil-thio caravan park overlooking Findhorn Bay on the Moray Firth. The gardeners were Peter Caddy, his wife Eileen and a third "sensitive", Dorotby McLean. Eileen and Dorotby received spirit-guidance at each stage of the planning, and took the planning, of Flivir and spirit-gameance at each stage of topher and is a biologer and the planning, and took the anthropologist; that is all. spirit-names of Elixir and They are serious, not to say Divina. They all prayed very solemn, persons, but not bard, and their heloved garden scholarly nor claiming origin-

Short stories

The Camberwell Beauty

By V. S. Pritchett

(Chatto & Windus, £3)

By Stanley Elkin

Eligible Men

(Gollancz, £3.50)

Switch Bitch

credulity

Statesman

· Illustrated £6.75

the period.'-The Observer

Oxford/Chatto & Windus

Trevor

By Roald Dahl

(Michael Joseph, £2.75)

There are very few short story

writers at whom (glumly turning pages) I have not muttered,

There you go, stretching my edulity again. William

V. S. Pritchett is another. Mr

is one exception.

Pritchett's stories are grace-fully launched, cast off from of jealousy. It is all a witty the mooring of the first sen-tence, and they sail aloog with because it is underplayed.

The Duff Cooper Memorial Prize for 1974

has been awarded to Jon Stallworthy for his book Wilfred Owen: A Biography

'There are obvious difficulties about writing the biography of a man who lived only 25 years . . . Jon

biography which is unlikely to be hettered.'-The Times

'Mr. Stallworthy keeps making one re-experience and rethink the poems, and he writes with precision and

sympathy. His book is beautifully produced, also, with

numerous reproductions of Owen's manuscripts. -New

'This is an outstanding hook, a worthy memorial to its

'One of the many good things about Jon Stallworthy's really admirable and scholarly biography is his

unobtrusive slipping in of quick comparison, nuances of

From the author of The Golden Notebook, Children

DORIS LESSING

THE MEMOIRS OF A SURVIVOR

A new and unforgettable narrative of the

collapse of society, when barbarism is

normal and each has to fight for survival.

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of Violence and The Summer Before The Dark

critical perceptioo done without too much emphasis or weight of commentary.'-The Times Literary Supplement

subject, valuable too in its additions to our knowledge of

Stallworthy surmounts them all brilliantly in a

grew. It is easier to giggle at ality; their minor journalistic the Gilhertian details of the new spirituality than to explain bathos, their major one the lack why Elixir and Divina not only of critical personality on any made things grow which had never grown in Findhorn before the grown than the They do attack from time to fore, but grew them to an exceptional size. One red cabbage weighed 42 lb, another 38. The community grew, too.

Ron Boweo's jacker-painting for The Secret Life of Plants shows one of Mr Caddy's crisp, vibratingly green lettuces against a vortiginous Northern sky that might have been experienced by the mystical German landscape painter, Caspar David Friedrich. The roots of the lettuce are bloodpink, shaped like a heart, warmed by (and warming?) a cupped pair of solicitous human hands. Love and the life eternal; the oneness and mutuality of all living things; a child) that her main body has strong dose of melodrama and suspension ever since. Does she know that I have utterly lost earth and most of the sea are faith in ber? Mr Clee Back very hlack): the message and took of the book itself are perfectly arrested in a High I love plants, hut there always seems to be something wrong with mine. The gardeners of Findhorn would say of Plants is not primarily about of Plants is not primarily about agriculture at all. Its chief subject is the survival of mankind through the spiritual re-generation of a new Life Force

> Who are the scribes who gather together and enumerate the prophets of the new reli-gion? The vibrations are not too promising. The publishers tell us that Peter Tompkins is the author of Secrets of the Great Pyramid and several other works of history and biography" and that Chris-topher Bird is a biologer and

barely a pause. Here is how "The Spree" opens: "The old man—but when does old age begin?—the old man turned

over in bed and putting ont his

hand to the crest of his wife's beautiful white rising hip and comforting hottom, hit the wall

with his knuckles and woke up."
The old man, whose wife is dead, drifts to his harher and

then to a pub where he is swept up into the gaiety of a firm's annual outing. Before long be is in the hired coach, chatting amiably to a widow; then in Brighton, tasting freedom. His life has not changed, but his mood here

Not all the stories celebrate

this bitter-sweet climacteric of

longing. "Our Wife" is almost

absurd, a potted history of a marriage beld together by a rowdy woman. The husband is secretive, the friend constant

and the woman is too noisy and

but his mood has.

time such potentiel adversaries of spiritual regeneration as un-sympathetic hureaucracies and the scientific method of inquiry practised in Western civilization since the seventeenth century. This is their only intellectual target, and when they invoke Goethe on the destructive pointlessness of jealous, mutually exclusive disciplines, they make their point well. Or rather, Goethe makes their point well. There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, but the diffi-culty lies in defining what they

Do plants feel? Do they suffer? Can they read our minds? Can I train my philodendron to open the garage door for me (but not for my hurglar)? Is my jam killing my yoghourt? The first section of The Secret Life of Plants covers recent astonishing research into plant response in France, the United States and Russia. The next offers in sup-Russia. The next offers in support an outline summary of the "non-scientific", mysocal tradition of inquiry into the natural world, from Paracelsus and Jakob Boehme (1575-1624) through Goethe and G. T. Fechner (Nanna, or the SoulLifa of Plants, 1848, a Victorian besseller) to the great Indian. best-seller) to the great Indian, Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose and, most engaging of all, the pheno-menal hlack agriculturist Washington Carver. Thereafter we swing way off course into auras, force-fields, dowsing and psychic research. Tompkins and Bird synthesize other men's views with soma skill but make no clear distinc-tion between the innovator of genius and the paranoid nut. We need that distinction badly. Anthony Huxley is the co-author of the excellent Flowers

Those who manage to get

through the tedium of "The Bailbondsman", the first of Mr Elkin's three short novels will arrive at the limit of preposterousness in "The Making of Ashendan", the portrait of Brewster Ashenden, who says, "Speaking personally I am glad to be an beroic man". He makes much of his comic genealogy and becomes the sole heir to a fabulous fortune (his father invented the paper

father invented the paper matchbook and the slogan "Close cover before Striking").

It is a characteristic of the

American writer of the comic

scarce. Elkin's contribution is a

14-page description of Ashen-den making love to a 700-pound

Russian bear, a Kamchatkan Brown. Ashenden tackles the bear with a will and Elkin throws a son to the American National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities (who

provided the author with a "generous" fellowship to write the hook): "Is this bow I'm

Playing it strictly for laughs he succeeds marvellously, and one of the funniest things in the

book (in "The Condominium")

book (in "The Condominium") is a long chaffing prayer a man offers at a Jewish funeral to Almighty God. But Elkin is not satisfied with being funny, and the weighty asides it throws around nearly sink his otherwise

The four longish etories in Switch Bitch are forays into the kibido, rambling and sprawking.

Mr Dahl is not a master of compression, though he clearly is enamoured of the old-fashioned surprise ending, a gimmick even television eschews

as vulgar. A paraphrase of any

of these stories would therefore be a betrayal of Mr Dahl's con-fidence. Suffice to say that two

concern the memoirs of the

lecherous Uncle Oswald, a Parisian memory about a volatile sceut, and an idyll in the Sinai

Desert at the castle of an Arabian, in which Uncle O. is

visited by—eoough! To say the least thiog is to reveal all, and why spoil such a small pleasure?

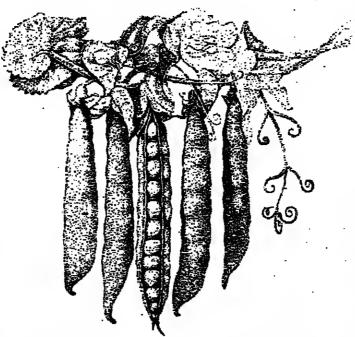
"The Great Switcheroo" is an exercise in wife-swapping. A slight, not to say insignificant

moral tale, and yet caudon enough if you are willing to sus-pend your disbelief. My disbelief

was positively swinging.

wise buoyant narrative.

through the tedium of



More plants in Cobbett's Country Book (David and Charles, £4.25), whence this finely drawn embellishment by Bert Kitchen. Richard Ingrams. in his introduction, remarks that only Cobbett's Rural Rides remains in print perhaps hecause as a revolutionary he has been overshadowed by Tom Paine and John Wilkes. Ingrams has chosen an enticing selection from Cobbett's non-political writings. His gardening advice is as valuable now: sow thinly, he pleads, as "covering the

ground with seeds . . . though it may produce abundant reaping in the seedsman, is far from hav-ing that tendency with regard to the crop ". He was commercial enough to exhort "all who buy my seeds, to buy my book . His English Grammar sold 55,000 copies by 1825 "without ever having been mentioned by the old sbuffling bribed sors, called Reviewers". No wonder Cob-bett's life was splattered with civil, and even criminal libel actions.

Ion Trewin

of the Mediterronean. He allows only a few of his 380 pages to the recent experiments doubting their provenance, but admitting a puzzlement: be constructure of a natural evolu-onary and ecological order which man disturbs at his peril: his penultimate, and longest, chapter, on the environmental crisis, is all the more borrifying for its sobriety. He does not speculate: "The planet seems quiescent, and for the cedes an unexplained mystery at Findhorn. Plant and Planet is more solid, more scholarly than The Secret Life, yet aims too for a popular (if more in-formed) readership. Mr Huxley accumulates a vast board of present man is too much in control." We shall need all the vibrations we can lay our bands exemplary data on the invenon to get us out of that.

Michael Ratcliffe

tiveness and variety of plant life and uses it to build the

Crime.

It is Christmas-wrapped goodies time in the crime world. The short-story collections are upon us. Stories are somewhat like the little parcels hanging on the tree: unwrapped, most of them prove to be swallow-at-abite frivolities, a handful turn out to be real presents, one or two to be cherished for ever. This last rare sort is found

in Winter's Crimes 6, edited by George Hardinge (Macmillan, £2.95), a collection of 12 stories specially written for the occasion, which benefit from the considerable length apocalyptic mode to introduce a moment of extravagant outrage to underpin, as it were, his narrative. But these are hizarre times and outrage is allowed the contributors. With room to manoeuvre, writers of the calibre of Winston Graham, P. M. Hubbard, Miles Tripp and P. B. Yuill can give us real specimens of their craft, true and satisfying. And in the same length Christianna Brand has produced one of those stories to remember, "No More A-Maying", a statement of the to be purified? Is this the human univers condition at once universal and intensely local in its dark Welsh setting. Add stories that allow their authors a lighter than usual approach, such as those by Elizabeth Ferrars, John Wainwright and Colin Watson and a wholly delightful tour-de-force of sharp observation in a clubland setting by Ivor Drummond and you have a book of real value.

The 19 stories cramme0

inside John Creasey's Mystery Bedside Book 1975, edited by Herhert Harris (Hodder, 52.50), are almost all of the instant munch variety, those short shorts that as Julian Symons, himself one of the con-tributors, says in his crime-history Bloody Murder "can be entertaining both to write and to read". The great difficulty they present, beyond the complications of devising a foolproofedly logical puzzle, is in making the casing that holds the piece of ingenuity possess a decent air of surface truth. There is a particularly good example of how it can be done in a tale by Michael Gilbert centring on the routines of a family solicitors' firm.

Ellery Queen's Crookbook, edited by Ellery Queen (Gollancz, £2.80), is another annual collection—25 stories this time -that for the most part provides toothsome morsels, and holiday welcome they are. Again Michael Gilbert shows bow to do it, and there is an equally good example in Stanley Ellin's The Other Side of the Wall", beautifully lightly told, true as steel within its deliberate limitations and with a wonderfully well-timed final clicking into place. Finally, in a slightly different category let me recommend for sheer value The Second Simenon Omnibus (Hamish Hamilton, £4.75), four penetrating, marvellously economical novels from the pen of a master. Dole them out to yourself once a quarter through 1975.

of publication and of the press. However much one might deplore the particular passages in the book, there was a questloo of principle as to how far the courts should go. So far as publication was concerned, they all knew the remedies available in the ordinary way, whether hy acons for libel, proceedings for contempt of court, prosecutions fur obscenity or, his Lordship would add, acoons for infringement of privacy.

Those remedies were available to prevent abuse of the freedom of the press. If the father had been alive, he might have hrought a libel action; but if the writer said, that it was true—as he did say—no injunction could he nbraioed; or, though it might be difficult, be might have an action for infringement uf privacy since the matters described were very private. But none of that applied since be was dead. Certainly no action would ile for any rivil wrong to the child; no crime had been committed. H. R. F. Keating

Quick guide

Essays and Opinions 1921-31, by Edgell Rickword; Edited by Alan Young (Carcanet Press,

as the founder of a cult.

He was io a sense an embodi-

him study also Rickword's carefully formulated objections to Eliot's other books of the period; they represent, as do all his criocal writings, the response of an bonest mind prepared to analyse its own limitations in the way of puzzlement before new texts. Rickword is a neglected writer. His criti-cisms set some of the style and tone for Leavis. He was drawing attention to the genius of Rimbaud before that became a fasbionable pursuit for English intellectuals. This is a stimulating and exacting anthology which does much to restore one's faith in the merits of literary journalism. The man making the immediate response may be no more liable to error than the don with years in which to make up his mind. If he is an Edgell Rickword, he is likely in be more readable 40

£4). Edgell Rickword wrote the anonymous review of Eliot's Waste Land for the TLS io 1923. Here is Mr Eliot, a dandy of the choicest phrase, permitting himself blatancies. . . Here is a poet capable of a style more refined than that of any of his generation parodying without taste or skill. . . Here is a writer to whom originality is almost an inspiration, borrowing the greater number of his best lines, creating hardly any himself." Before guffawing, let the reader read the rest of that review as it has been collected Paul Theroux | review as it has need consected in Essays and Opinions, and let years on.

A brilliant mind

Francis Galton

(Elek, £5.50)

The Life and Work of a Victorian Genius By D. W. Forrest

What Adam Smith is to economics, Francis Gakon is to sociology. Herbert Spencer was philosopher compared to Galton, who was above all a measurer and experimenter. He was always measuring events—even the amplituda of his shivers when in rigor, even the bore-dom of audiences at the British Association. The modern sociologist owes the concept of the questionnaire to Galton, who used it to provide data for his study of hereditary talent, whence burgeoned his theory of eugenics, a word he added to

the language. Since measurement is the basis of science, Galton's application of it to human physique, identity and "faculty"—ie, to general and special mental abilities—makes him tha pioneer who put present-day academic psychology and sociology on its statistical path, notably fore-shadowing the IQ test (his own IQ has from his early letters heen calculated at between 160 and 200). Like not a few of his successors Galton fall for rather tentative hypotheses and ended

ment of his most famous concept -the hereditary factors which produced the "gifted family" in which Victorian middle class society (numbering only a few hundrad thousands) was oppor-unely rich. A coovinced evoluonist and a close and corresponding kinsman of Charles Darwin, Galton supposed that homo sapiens next challenge was to take conscious control of his own further evolution; a possibility encapsulated in his calculation that whereas it takes 35 parents of high quality to produce six high quality sons, it takes 5,000 low grade parents to do the same. Deduction: breed from and improve the best tested stock. Method: by spending greater resources of education and welfare on them than on the run-of-the-mill material (and preventing degenerates from breeding at all). Galton in effect created the Eugenics Society to persuade the nation to adopt this social policy (if only to meet its growing imperial responsibilities). He

died in 1911, aged 89, nevar to know that social policy would

evolve on exactly Opposite lines: to sustain the disadvan-

raged, the mediocre and the

downright inadequate at the ex-pense of the gifted.

Galton heloness

when the non-specialist could do well in scentific research. He made seminal contributions psychology, anthropology, hropometrics, criminology, anthropometrics, criminology, geography and photography His practical inventions included rotary steam engines, wave measurement and the telotype (a device used in navigation but a progenitor of telex) and a celestial syntax for communication with lifa elsewhere in the universe (now under fresh experiment). It was a period when Britain led briefly in science though unequipped with scientific universities.

Yet he was not just an amateur experimeoring in e hackroom laboratory. He made imeoling in e ratory. He made ratory. He made ratory. He made ratory to African ich inspired later herd instinct in mens. Above all the systematic three systematic three systematic three thought prolist of stimulus of first putting ental events on a to which Freud His family life and compassispassionate; his passionate; his passionate; his defendant.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving judgment on Friday (then string with Mr Justice Melford brilliant mind messaga remains the system on and Mr Justice Melford brilliant mind messaga remains the completely deflated tyre in Thame and was stopped by a specimen was not trying to inflate the bag.

Thame of informations charging David Thomas Lovell with failing to provide a breath test specimen, in the specimen of the Road Traffic Act, 1972, and driving with blood-alcobol concentration above the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on which the Alconest device worked was that by blow-size the system on a fine contribution to African exploration, which inspired later work on the herd instinct in animals and humens. Above all be pioneered the systematic study of associative thought processes, using a list of stimulus words, and so first putting unconscious mental events on a factual basis, to which Freud was indebted. His family life though gentle and compassionate was dispassionate; his energy went into investigation. We are indehted to Mr Forrest

for bringing back into modern purview this brilliant mind whose central messaga remains

the wardship jurisdiction should be extended so far as to restrain the publication of the book. The girl's relatives had been reasonable Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and The Court of Appeal lifted an injunction restraining the publication of a book imposed to protect a ward of court, a girl of 14, on the ground that she might suffer grave psychological harm if she read passages in the sections. about the matter. In their anxiety to protect the girl they were ready to pay £1,000 to get the passages removed; but the publishers objected id principle.

Ban imposed on publication of book

to protect ward of court lifted

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Sir John Pennycuick.

the court must balance those inter-

be published; reviews had been printed. It was on a serious subject though written in a lurid and sensational style. In the first chapter alone there were passages about the girl's father, an able and intelligent man but events of

and intelligent man, but events of a depraced character were des-cribed. It was alleged—and it could

It was alleged—and it count hardly he refuted — that though those passages had not come to the girl's notice, there was a risk that If the book was published they might do, and that there would be a real risk of grave psychological damage resulting.

don at a particular school and wanted to advertise in a newspaper

for people who would make com-plaiots about the school and give him information to use. Apparently an injunction was obtained to pre-

The present case was important in that it concerned the freedom of publication and of the press. However much one might deplore

vent his doing any such thing.

So the matter had come before the court as a matter of principle. His Lordship did not think the wardship jurisdiction could or should be extended to cover the case. That jurisdiction had been read passages in it referring to her dead father. Mr Justice Latey had granted the Mr Justice Larry had granted the injunction on the application of the girl's stepfather, against the publishers and author, restraining them from publishing the book, already in print, unless the passages complained of were removed (The Times, November 6). used not only to prevent wrongs civil and criminal to the ward but also to protect him or her from any direct interference with his welfare—such as orders to protect the ward from marrying an unsuitable person, associating with unsuitable persons and the like. Their Lordships held that the neer Lorusings here that the parental jurisdiction of the court in relation to wards of court, though in theory unlimited, should in practice be subject to limitations and in a case where the freedom of poblication and the interests of the child were involved.

All that could be done. But it was going too far to say that it could be invoked to restrain the publication of the work. All one could bope was that those about the girl would do their best to see that it did not come into her hands or safeguard her from any harmful effects. The doctor who gave evidence on affidavit said it Mr Brian Neill, QC, and Mr Frederic Reynold for the author and publisher; Mr Bryan Anns, QC, and Mr Lionel Swift for the stepfather.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that be would not mencion names of persons, places or books since it was undesirable to do so. The central figure was a girl now 14. Her father died some years ago. Her mother had married again.

In October a book was about to be published; reviews had been was only harmful to her at her present age but that when she was in her late teens it might do her no harm.

To grant the injunction, in his Lordship's view, would be extending the wardship jurisdiction too far and would impinge too much on the freedom of the press. He would allow the appeal and lift the injunction.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, con-curring, said that he regarded the case as of very wide general im-portance. No one who had read both the allegedly offending pas-sages and the affidavits, inclinding a statement by the stidly mother parsages and the affidavits, including a statement by the girl's mother put in during the appeal, could feel other than sympathy with the mother and stepfather and appreciate their natural anxiety over the possible effects on the girl of publication of the stocies, even assuming them to he true, about a father whom she was brought up to respect. To that one had to add the uncootradicted evidence of the doctor and someone who had had the girl in her care at a boarding school as to the likely psychological damage it would cause if the information came to her knowledge.

chological damage resulting.

Proceedings were therefore taken to make her a ward of court and to restrain the publication of those passages. It was said that it would cost only £180 to publish the book without them, and that on balance that ought to be done. It was submitted that the jurisdiction of the court to protect a ward was unlimited and when such harmful consequences were likely to follow an injunction should be granted.

That was what Mr Justice Latey had done. He had reviewed the authorities showing the wide jurisdiction inherited from the Court of Chancery to protect wards and her knowledge...

His Lordship ventured to think that it was likely, baving regard to the girl's education and environment and the profession of her mother and stepfather, that if the book was released and the injunction lifted she would in some way or another become aware of the coments. So in one sense, it was a strong case for the parents legitimately seeking the protection afforded by the court to a ward.

But that was not the only issue.

of Chancery to protect wards and said it was wide enough to enable blin to protect the child. While the jurisdiction as to wards had been regarded as in theory unlimited, there was strangely enough no case anywhere But that was not the only issue. There was io this country—and it was right that it should be rewas right that it should be restated in clear terms at this stage of the twentieth century—a right of free speech and a right of publication, and that right was at least as important as the right of individuals in particular cases, whether wards or adults. Of course that right of publication had long been circumscribed. Though fought for throughout the centuries and developed as one strangely enough no case anywhere near the present which had ever come before the courts. The nearest was Iredell v Iredell (1884) 1 TLR 261), where a father thought a young lady of 16 was in danger of being induced to adopt the Roman Catholic faith and for her protection he made her a ward of court and obtained an injunction to restrain a priest from trying to convert her. His Lordship did not know that that case would be decided in that way today; but it was an instance of the width of the court's jurisdiction in relation to wards. centuries and developed as one of our liberties it was confined

convert her. His Lordship did not know that that case would be decided in that way today; but it was an instance of the width of the court's judsdiction in relation to wards.

There was also an unreported case in which the Official Solicitor was concerned, where a father was anxions about his child's educadion at a particular school and contempt of court. There was also the law of defamation and the law of obscenty—another con-troversial topic. Within certain limits, bowever,

there was the freedom to publish. though possibly at the peril of having to pay damages for defa-mation or being prosecuted for obsceptty.

obscenty.

The passages in question appeared in a preliminary chapter io a scrious study of the depravity brought about by war. Opinious might differ ou questions of taste, as they always would; but subjective judgments un taste bad no place in the courts. The sole question was whether or not the interests of this girl should he allowed to prevail over the greater interests of freedom of publicadoo.

interests of freedom of publicadoo.

It was snught to impose the
restriction on publication by wardsilip proceedings. His 'Lordship
agreed with Mr Anns that there
was no limit to that jurisdiction;
the question was whether it should
be exercised on the present facts.
His Lordship also agreed that the
mere fact that the courts had
never before stretched out so far
was no reason in itself for not was no reason in itself for not doing so in a suitable case; and there were a number of instances in the past 50 years where the arm of the law had been stretched in

protect infants, one being the of blood tests and another the publication to parents of con Oal reports made by welfare cers. But his Lordship coulaccept the argument that be use of the wardship juried the interests of this child s be allowed to prevail over wider interests of public whatever might be thought the merits or demerits of passages objected to.

Mr Ams bad stressed the that the stepfather had offer pay for the deletion of the ages objected to. His Los did not believe the right wrongs of the present case s be determined on whether it be difficult or easy to tak the offending passages. The should be decided on principle.

Mr Justice Latey bad expi of the courts exercis :; the gated powers and duties o Crown as parens patriae there to protect the young a injury of whatever kind from ever source so that if X w peril it was woolly right proper to invoke those power protect her.

His Lordship thought that words were much too wid was tantamount to saying the interests were involved interests were paramount must always be preserved.

The court had to do a bala act. His Lordship bad atter to do that, and he thought the balance came heavily in fa

of the appellants and agains respondents. SIR JOHN PENNYCUICE, concurring, said that he had doubt that the court when cising the parental powers of Crown had, at any rate in theory, a jurisdiction to do ever it considered conducts the welfare of a ward. By practice the jurisdiction was a naily exercised within limits. It would be quite impossibly protect a ward against every which might do it harm, jurisdiction must be exert with due regard to the right outside parties, whether rights arose at common law by contract or otherwise—an "outside parties" his Lori SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK, by contract or otherwise—an "outside parties" his Lori meant those not in a famil personal relationship to the s. The court must hold a probalance hetween the protectic the ward and the rights of ou parties, in particular the rigi free publication enjoyed by side parties, and should her long before innerfering with particular right.

particular right.

His Lordship was not prep to say that the court would n interfere with publication of ter concerning a ward. In ceresceptional circumstances it c and should do so. But the c and should bardly ever prevent precation of a book merely—and stressed merely—on the grethat it would bring to the kriedge of a ward unpleasant about its parents and that through the parents and that through the parents and the precation of the parents and the parents are the parents a knowledge would be barmin

the ward.

The judge had not suffice emphasized the limitations wi which the court should explicit jurisdiction. No decision been cited in which the court interfered in comparable dic stances affecting the rights outside parties: our in his Li outside parties; our in ms to ship's own experience in Chancery Division had a c parable application ever to made—much less succeeded. His Lordship said that seem of the Guardianship of Mioors. 1971, had been the subject to number of decisions of number of decisions of lauthority. The words "the tody or upbringing of a mind did not cover the issue in present case, namely, the pure cation of the material complaints. cation of the material complai of. Neither the custody hor upbringing of the ward was quesoon within the meaning, section 1. If they were, the co-would be bound by statute to gard "the welfare of the mi-as the first and paramount co-sideratioo". The wording of a tion 1 threw considerable light the sphere within which the ca-io gractice should exercise; jurisdiction. The circumstance, the present case were very the present case were very from warranting an interfere with the freedom of publication

with the freedom of publication joyed by the appeliants. While too sympathized with the pare that was not euough. One county bope that the child would fact suffer no harm frum the formation which his Lords feared would almost inevitatione from the book.

Leave to appeal was refus, Counsel for the appellants untook that publication would take place before Monday, all the court had been told that was hoped to take steps to remark the child to the court's decision the jurisdiction if any publication if any publications: Blodman Partication of Swald Hickson, Collier & Co.

Breath test appeal for Lords

Walker v Loveu Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice. Lord Justice James and Mr Justice Melford Stevenson. If a motorist blows into a breath-

If a motorist blows into a breathalvser but does not completely
inflate the bag, bas he failed to
provide a specimen of breath for
a breath test even though the
crystals turo green?

The Hnuse of Lords is to consider the question on a police
appeal from the Queen's Bench
Divisional Court, who decided that
the motorist had not failed to
provide the specimen. A further
question raised in the same appeal
will be whether Scott v Baker
([1969] I QB 659)—the first deciwill be whether Scott v Baker (11969) 1 QB 659)—the first decision under the Road Safety Act, 1967—correctly decided that a valid arrest is a condition precedent to the requirement of a laboratory test specimen. Their Lordships certified on

Their Lordships certified on Tuesday. on an application adjourned from Fridey that a point of law of general public importance was involved to their decision and granted leave to appeal to Lestie Walker, a police officer, who unsuccessfully appealed against the dismissal by Oxfordshire justices sitting at Phame of informations charging David Thomas Lovell with failing to provide a breath test sperimen.

uniformed police officer. As the defendant got uut of the car the officer saw that be was unsteady on his feet and he smelt of drink. The officer required him to provide a breath test specimen "by une breath of between 10 and 20 seconds" duration and the bag must be fully inflated".

The defendant took the lest using the Alcotest equipment. He attempted to inflate the bag in two attempts each lasting four sec-

attempted to inflate the bag in two attempts each lasting four seconds. The bag did not inflate properly and was not half inflated. At all times the officer acted hour fide and houestly believed that the defendant had made no serious attempt to inflate the bag. Accordingly the officer arrested him for failing to provide the specimen.

one stopped there it was difficult to see anything wrong in the ufficer's conduct. However, in the dark the officer had not nudced, as apparently was the fact, that although there had been only those two small puffs into the bag, the crystals had turned green. The explanation might be that the defendant had no less thad 205 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood at the

The difficulty in the way of police was R v Holdh ([1973] WLR 127), in which the appellithad been told to inflate the t $v_{2}-v_{1}$ fully. He failed, but the office $T(v_{1})$ observed at once that the cryst, had some green; in other wor observed at once that the cryst, had gone green; in other wor the test had a positive rest Nevertheless he was arrested failure. On appeal considered was given to section 12(3) of 150 (11); the Act to preciding a specim; this Act to providing a specim:
of breath for a breath test a references to providing a specimen thereof in sufficient quant to enable that test to be carried to enable the enable that the enab

His Lordship thought that so from 12(3) meant references to full beg as opposed to a partia full beg. But the author of Holdi's case was that, if the crystals furned green, hower small the quantity of breath we caused tu go into the hag, the was sufficient. The position we further clarified by R v Thor (Thomasi (1974] RTR 465), whe it was held that, in decidion whether or not a suspect he failed to provide a specimic within section 3(5), the test we objective and no question of the view formed by the officer or home fides could arise; the so question was whether the specimic His Lordship thought that se question was whether the specime was a sufficient specimen.

In the present case the crysts went green and the test was portive. Their Lordships had to treuthemselves as bound by authorito say that that meant that the was a specimen of hreath sufficient for the purposes of the teand the correct police procedul was to seek to arrest the defendant, not under section \$(5), bid, under section \$(4). There had bet an adequacy of breath fur a positive test and, therefore, not In the present case the crysta tive test and, therefore, not

failure.

Rejuctantly the appeal should to dismissed widt the hope of having the point decided in another cour Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard Co for Mr. J. Malcolm Simon Oxford: Lightfoot & Lowode:



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Sandra Browne

Barber of Seville Coliseum

Nor was it specially distinguished vocally. The most interesting impersonation was Sandra Browne's Rosins. Is she, I wonder, miscast; or is it that she is not yet used to this hig theatre (it was ber debut there)? At any rate, she started off by singing almost everything very loudly. She has a big voice, with plenty of richness and colour and evenness when she is singing out; and Stanley Sadie It is good to be back in the Collseum again after its six weeks of darkness. The production chosen for the reopening—or perbaps it was selected by force of circumstances—was Douglas Craig's old one of The when she is singing out; and she sang the part at the original mezzo pitch, baving a little trouble at the very bottom but sailing comfortably up m the

Douglas Craig's old one of The Barber. It was never much more than a serviceable production, with its inclination towards musichall levels of humour; but at least it usually had pace and vitality.

This revival, perhaps not surprisingly, seems a bit dispirited. Perhaps some aspects of it are under-rebearsed; certainly the orchestra sounded thin and uncertain as it embarked on the overture. In spite of having an overture. In spite of having an Rosina should he able to in-experienced Rossini conductor flect her voice, to suggest the like Bryan Backwill in charge, sly, wilful, amorous girl with there was little of the proper the curl of a phrase or a nicely

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The continued fascination of

Elgar's symphonies, perhaps es-

Alan Blyth Ruddigore is badly in need of an overhaul. The bold, had barons have too long been under the sola rule of D'Oyly Carte, and their housing, if not precisely shahby, looks decidedly tired. Tha work is not one of the canon that exactly plays itself. The targets for its an overhaul. The bold, had plavs itself. The targets fo satire, melodrama and Gothic borrors are not easily comprehended today, and mean little to us when they are understood; hut a resourceful mind to the stood; hut a resourceful mind to the stood to the s to us when they are under-stood; hut a resourceful mind might find something fresh in the weaker of Gilbert's lines and make the most of the hest, among them those inconsequen-tial outbursts of Mad Margaret, while restoring m the quite

powerful scene of the ghosts' appaaranca something of what must have been its original dramatic frisson.

I already hear the sound of

top notes.
What Miss Browne appar-

ently lacks for this part is an ability to phrase the music with

real delicacy or subtlety. A Rosina should he able to in-

the traditionalists guns at any tampering with their precious routines. At least they cannot character of its own, a bit olde-worlde with its ballads, gavottes and madrigals, but full of grace Royston Nash conducted the score deftly, but the cast on the whole lacked those attributes

that used to make them uniqua, Diction was unconscionably slack, particularly among the older hands, whose tone assalso hecome, well, toneless beyond what is surely passable in an opera bouse. Their tiredness was unduly pointed np by Judi Merri, a spry young artist, new to me, who showed in her portrayal of Mad Margaret how to find something lively and fresh to say both in ber craziness and her later unavailing ness and her later unavailing attempts to he Sir Despard's rim wife.
Meston Reid was a neat, The Other Place

rounded diminuendo;

barsh-toned Almavina; under-

though doing less with his voice

formance so broadly comic es to

production too often inclines.

that used to make them uniqua.

sbould speak.

amusing Richard Dauntless, who did what be could with wbo did wbat be could with Gilbert's embarrassing idea of a British tar. Julia Goss sang nicely as Rose Mayhud and looked suitably coy. Kenoeth Sandford made up in big gestures wbat he missed in imposing tone. The encores went beyond the call of duty.

Second to the said of the sai

Elgar's public manner considerahly mellowed by a vital streak of introspection, but also, perbaps more to the point, the public manner itself proves to be not really that at all, but a crucial side to the componer crucial side to the composer himself, from which be seems Elgar's symphonies, perhaps especially of the First, which was the main work in Tuesday's melodies, all no doubt somawhat

the main work in Tuesday's concert, is one of the odder features of the contemporary musical scepe. And yet there is certainly no myth about it, as Sir Charles Groves proved once again in a consistently gripping and occasionally inspired performance with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The reason for the apparent contradiction is, of course, that the music is not quite so exclusively pompous and circumstantial as it might seem on first acquaintance. Not only is melodies, all no doubt somawhat similar, yet not so similar as to reduce the freshness of each as it turns up.

The best performance, therefore, is always likely to be the one which holds back to some extent on the Edwardian panophy and hangs at least a amall question-mark over those long notilmenta tunes; and this was the key to Sir Charles's suctores. By no stretch of the imagination was it a blazing performance, nor for that matter a virtuoso one, although

enough was made of the quick-

silver ingredients.

But by keeping the flame relatively low, Sir Charles was also able to exercise an unusual measure of control over the internal relationships of pulse, dynamic and so forth. To an exceptional degree, we were made to think of this as a ooemovement symphony (which in a sense it is), a Heldenleben with, for a change, an interesting subject. The result may oot bave been white hot, but it was

absorbing
We had already heard a slightly rusty Vaughan Williams slightly rusty Vaughan Williams
Tallis Fantasia, and a surprisingly prosaic reading of Beetboven's C minor Piano Concerto
by Alfred Brendel. Classical, in
the sense of uninflected, playing often avoids dullness by a
whisker. For once Brendel misjudged.

Williamson bas also seized on
the play's internal stylistic contrasts: allowing the second act
to grow from domestic chaos
into a delicate pocturne, and
following that with a breezy
modulation into farce in Act
III.

Job the archetypal Simon character

God's Favourite Eugene O'Neill, New York

Clive Barnes

Is Job fuony? Perbaps. Cer-tainly it seems that Neil Simon thinks that the story of Job is thinks that the story of Job is the ultimate custard-pie joke. His new comedy, God's Favourite, at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre, bases itself on the Biblical tale, with, at least in brief references, all those good Old Testament wars, plagues and famines.

Simon'a hero is 56-year-old Joseph Melvin Benjamin, a wealthy cardboard-box manufacturer who lives in a nouveau-

facturer who lives in a nouveau-gothic mansion that hes a string of pearls in every swimming pool. We first see him roused by his burglar alarm and getting up m try and catch an intruder. He is wearing a dressing jacket with the initials "JB" embroidered upon it—shades of Archibald Macleish's rather more solemn, hut bardly less laughable earlier play, JB!
—and when we find at last that
the intruder is a messenger
from God, we all know pretty
much what Job and we ourselves are in for and idly wonder who is going to need more patience.

With the story clear, it remains only to discover how clever Simon's modern variathough she throws off most of the fioring quite neatly she does not make it express anything. She moves on the stage with elegance and smoothness, hut scarcely like the spritely girl ("not yet 16", Marcellina tells us) of which the music tions upon his classic theme are, and what contemporary jokes and what contemporary jokes and relevancies be can extract from Job's suffering. The idea is not so unlikely. When you think back, Job, with a slow burn of pain extingnishing the natural optimism of success, is an arcbetypal Simon character who bas turned up more than once. in Plaza State. for Anthony Roden, bandicapped by a cold, made a dry and rather once, in Plaza Suite, for example, or The Prisoner of Second Avenue, Simon bas a liking for comic beroes who suffer long; one day one might see him making Oedipus into a standably perbaps, be did little with the music. The Figaro, spirited in manner hut thinnish

in voice, was Jobn Kitchiner. musical.

The opening is a little slow:
We meet Joe and his family,
and his loyal retainers. Much of
the humour consists in the Eric Shilling gave one of his usual accomplished, well-timed comic performances as Bartolo, than be often does; Harold Blackhurn was the Basilio, a perhaffled repetition of simple phrases and the confusion of a family threatened by a burglar. lean towards coarseness. But that is a direction in which this At last, Joe encounters Sidney Lipton, the messenger from God. One knows he is a messenger from God hecause he bes a large "God" emblazoned on his sweatshirt. This epecine young man has also met the Devil and confides, "he looks just like Robert Redford—gorgeous !"

Once Simon starts to expatiate on Job's ordeals, the play moves into action, and the comic possibilities of a prosperous middle-class manufacturer's being plagued by God very soon become apparent. Joh set in a world where no one is

likely to believe the literal realities of the story is an Old Testament tragedy become a New Yorker cartoon.

Having set up the situation Simon starts letting off jokes like firecrackers. Admittedly far, far too many of these jokes far, far too many of these lokes are concerned with brand names and television refarences. names and television refarences. Simon cowadays appears to believe that you only have to mention names like Lemon Pledge or "Hollywood Squares" to raise a langh. Well, with the unsophisticated you can, but this kind of namedropping is cheap bumour, quite unworthy of our finest comic playwright. The rest of the humour is that New York wry on the rocks that Simon has practically patented for smoothness. At their best, his jokea have a kind of hilariously deadpan ecstasy and, even better,

pan ecstasy and, even better, are taken from life. are taken from life.

Unfairly ecough, whereas this may be Simon's most imaginative play (Job for laughs doas take a bit of imagining), it is not one of his better works. Not only is the opening slow, but also the ending is anticlimactic. If you have exploited tragedy also the ending is anticlimactic. If you bave exploited tragedy for its humour, bow do you get around a bappy ending? The bolocaust is over, Job is relieved, but the audience bas still got to get out of the theatre with an ending in its mind. This is a structural problem that is possibly insoluble — certainly Simon scarcely comes to gripa with it.

More than any other Simon play, God's Favourite depends heavily on its staging and setting. Michael Bennett's direction lets all God break loose. A man falls into a snow drift (offstage) the mansion colleges (or creek) and Joh collapses (on stage), and Job writhes around at the drop of a thunderbolt. Bennatt keeps everything moving as merrily as a devil in hell, whila William Ritman's collapsing mansion is some of the most fiendish theatrical real estate we have seen in years. It is both beauti-ful and clever.

Vincent Gardenia es the latter-day Job is masterly. Bossy, punctilious and yet, somehow, noble. He convinces us not only of his suffering (when he looks like Zero Mostel suffering a brainstorm) but also, more difficult, of his decency. Maria Karnilova's look of pained and maternal apprehen-sion has rarely heen used hetter, and Terry Kiser scores insolently as the family's drunken first-born. However, Charles Nelson Rellly as the messenger played too much in

one day.

A Neil Simon comedy is an annual blessing and ritual like Thanksgiving. We have, in the past, had hetter and, more occasionally, worse, hut this will keep things going well enough until next year.—New York Times News Service. York Times News Service.

Uncle Vanya Stratford-on-Avon

Separate performances apart,

it is extremely satisfying as a piece of scenic organization. Stratford's studio theatre couples intimate address with a large rectangular playing area, and the production mirrors that by combining verhal speed and understatement with an expansive use of space that defines the isolation of Chekov's characters. The movement of the production is to bring them toproduction is to bring them to-gether in clusters and then scatter them back to their separate corners: sometimes rising to climaxes of simultan-eous dialogue and inarticulate passion that would lose their effect to a larger thatere.

As for the casting, one starts by woodering wby Williamson, a netural for the wolfishly sardonic Astrov, is playing the name part. But this actor knows

what he is doing and his Vanya what he is doing and his Vanya is a superb counterpart to his emotionally starved Malvolio. Mucb of its power lies in its silences: sitting beside Elena and allowing ber languid phrases to peter out while be fixes ber with an abject gaze of speechless bunger. Watching him at such moments you felt like an intruder.

But if Williamson can strip off bis mask be can also wear it with a triumpbant flourish and when that bappens Vanya

it with a triumphant flourish and when that bappens Vanya unexpectedly blossoms into a comic aggressor, full of ironic beams and winks, which entirely reverses his power status in the comedy. When he finally erupts against Serevryakov the effect is volcanic and still funny.

The only trouble is that this

The only trouble is that this verbal attack is so strong that the shooting which follows comes as an anticlimax.

Michael Aldridge's Serevryakov, fleeing from him in gouty terror, distinguishes precisely between the old man's peevish private behaviour and his unctuous lecturing manner. There is also an interesting Sonya from Jane Lepotaire, so husy as to be almost invisible and clearly out to reform Astrov if sbe gets a chance. With Patrick Storgert weighing no his Stewart, weighing np bis chances with those gimler eyes and fingering the chains of Elena's swing in the first scene, she clearly bas no hope.

The production is fully in touch with the famous Chekovian values, hut it also has the coouc detachment to show these people from the outside.

some kind of compensation; so we all go out happy, humming the tunes we came in humming (this is the show of the movie,

with Mr Steele replacing the saccharine of Danny Kaye with the treacle pud of olde England).

We are offered es much insight in the present and the present an

Hans Andersen Palladium

Charles Lewsen

Rumour had it that the Palladium was not offering a paumime this year; hut this is none other than our old friend Dick Whittington, the lad of bumble origins making good in the big city, complete with transformation seems the with transformation acene, the stagecoach turning into a stagecoach turning into a schooner on the journey to Copen—I beg its pardon—Wonderful, Wonderful Pastel Shaded Copenhagen, where chiaelled-featured dockers swig invisible lager out of pewter mugs as they dance with their birds ontside the cardboard hotel where despire the angle

birds onuside the cardboard botel where, despite the angle of ber bips, the proprietress is as wholesome, if not as real, as Aggie Westop.

Though short of comics, the panto does boast a dame: Lila Kaye as a vicar's wife desperate to bed the principal boy, Hans (Tommy Steele). Daringly, it gives us an ending that is not unambiguously bappy: while Dick gets Alice Fitzwarren the Lord Mayor's daughter, Hans does not get Jenny Lind the does not get Jenny Lind the Swedish Nightingale. But he does win the hearts of count-

we are offered as much in-sight inm the creative processes of the lopely, introverted Ander-sen as this house normally ahows us of the aldermanic cares of Whittingmn; and although it only plays 2½ bours, this attenu-ated daystrip to the Land of ated day-trip to the Land of Winsome Smiles bangs as heavy as the actual visit of Andersen as the actual visit of Andersen to Charles Dickens.

I found five minutes of Mr Steele's smile more than enough on Tuesday, and took to speculating on what police messages would be relayed to us via the radio aerial trailing from the seat of his denim trousers (the dialogue comes out of loudspeakers that make the hero and heroine on opposite sides of the stage sound as

ine hero and heroine on opposite sides of the stage sound as if they are in each other's arms, which in this chaste musical is never the case). However, he sings a vivid "Ugly Duckling".

Freddie Carpenter's direction allows Mile Occ. tion allows Milo O'Shea, as a

down-at-heel (or, rather, sole) pianist, to praise the feel of less readers, in a steelblue a newly repaired shoe before follow-spot which, we gather, is he has tried it on.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yester-Max Harrison day's later editions.

London debuts

affecting touch for its magically idiosyncraric close. Mias Hoopar did better still in Schumann, conveying a nice sense of blithe indifference to all but love in Volksliedchen and showing an engaging freshness and aparkle in Castelnuovo-Tedesco's slight but charming Shakespeare soags. Paul Hamburger accompanied her capably throughout.

Betho Dayezac (guipar) revelled

her capably throughout.

Betho Davezac (guitar) revelled in the opportunity for an astonishing range of colours and effects in Leo Brower's Ln Espiral Eterna, perfectly capturing the contrasts between its sinister arabesques and violent interjections. Three Villa-Lobos etudes were also played as to the manner born, and in hia Elizabethan group Mr Davezac was unnsus lly auhite and suggestive. One felt deliciously like an eavesdropper on magically whis-

Bryce Morrison

bard, above all in the too-basty Gigue, although the Sarahande'a long lines gave rise to some restraint. Again, Schubert's Sonata D784 was communicative only in terms of the mosic's

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pered and very private confi-

Suite Populaire.

Repbael Minaskanian had a floent command of the notes of his ambitious programme, hut his interpretative view was uncommonly one-dimensional, mooochrome. In Bach's Partita No 4 his tone was often unduly

Given a sufficiently sensitive performance, Debussy's Ariettes onata displayad Peter Rejtö's sonata displayad Peter Rejtö's sonata displayad Peter Rejtö's sensitively inflected and singing cells tone, the allegro served his dexterity equally well, but there was cant musical interest bera.

dexterity equally well, but there was scant musical interest bera. There was still less in Britten's intermlnable unaccompanies. Suite Op 72, though it was despatched with impressive technical command. One is raluctant to take issue with a debutant'a programme rather than discuss his performance of it, yet it must be said that Beethoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's Zmberflöte are dull too, despite Zauberflöte are dull, too, despite intelligent phrasing and always responsive accompaniment from Philip Challis. With Schumann's Fantasiestücke we at last had something to engage the imagination, and these were in fact done with considerable insight,

nervous impact as sound, par-ticularly loud sound. Mr Minaskanian's tone is not unsympa-thetic when soft, hut in this work it too promptly bardened.

early technical insecurity in Britten's arrangement of Purcell's Sacred Songs.

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The consequences of Crown Agents' operations in the money and property markets

House of Commons

MRS - JUDHH HART, Minister of Overseas Development (Lanark, Lab), in a statement about the financial position of the Crown Agents, said: The House will recall that on July 1 I amounced my strungements for the restructuring of the Crown Agents. There is now a board of Crown Agents including up to seven part-time members with a full-time chairman. After discussion with the new chairman I agreed as an interim measure to appoint only three part-time Crown Agents in view of the immediate and pressing problems facing him.

m. While continuing the practice of non-interventon in the activities of the Crown Agents on behalf of their overseas principals, I reserve the right to give the board direc-tives, and indeed have already done so in relation to their own account; business.

account business.

The new chairman of the Crown Agents, Mr John Cuckney, who took up his appointment on October 1, appointed Coopers and Lybrand as consultating accountants are the present fluantants of the present fluantants. tants to review the present finan-cial position and the future finan-cial requirements of the Crown Agents and their subsidiary com-panies. Morgan Grenfell and Company Limited have since been appointed to advice on general

three mombers newly appointed to his board, has reported to me that a decline in the market value of some of the assets of the Crown Agents has led to an immediate problem of reserver and liquidity. He has made a formal request to the Government for financial assistance.

The requirement is related to the reclisic writing down of asset walter in the accounts, and to the need to ensure financial backing ropriate to operation involvesome 1800m (excluding funds some £200m managed for princi-

The Government have sgreed to provide 585m, subject to public meetary authority, which will be recoverable, by direction, from future cornings or appreciation of assets. Standby facilities have been arranged by the Bank of England.

Safeguarded

These arrangements will demonstrate beyond all doubt that the Government stand behind the Crown Agents so that the position of all depositors is fully safe, guarded; that the confidence of their overseas principals is fully mainteined; and that the important services provided to the principals are continued. In the light of the history of the in the fight of the instory of the relationship between Government and the Crown Agents in the last four years, involving as it has my own initiation of inquiries in 1970 followed by the Stevenson report to my predecessor (Mr Richard Wood), which was unpublished, wood), which was improved and the inquiries made by e Select Committee of this House, MPs will clearly want to know how the circumstances necessiveing this financial support have arisen.

I have asked the chairman of the Crown Agents to send me a full report on this, and I shall keep the House informed. Thereafter I shall consider if any further action is

I have also asked to be informed in detail of ootstanding longer-term commitments of the Crown Agents, including certain property investments in Australia, and of investments in Australia, and of any suggestions which the new board may have for the organizany suggestions which the new are exactly the difficulties which board may have for the organization and management of their for a long time in the light of the

The EARL of CROMARTIE (C) opened a debate on the need for devolution of government to Scot-

devolution of government to Scotland.

He said that no matter how conscientious Scottish MP2 were, they could bring an aura of Whitehall and party dogma to Scotland. Recently there had been the appalling mishandling of the teacher problem and the desperate plight of Scottish farmers. All those things could be better handled by an elected Scottisb government with perhaps, a Scottish minister of agriculture.

Scotland should have a considerable say in the allocation of profits from the oil off its coast. There was suspicion that the greater part if it would be spent in the south for things like a Channel tunnel or third London airport.

for things like a Channel tunnel or third London airport.

The vast majority of people in Scotland wished to be united under the Crown. But (he said) we should also be free to run our own show in cooperation with our English cousins, who should help and not hinder.

unity of UK vital

course of any reconstruction of the husiness.

The House will, I know, appreciate that the present chairman, Mr John Cuckney, and the three members of his board, Mr John Gobie, Mr John Gordon and Mr Leslie Kirkley, have had only a very short time to essess the postition and report to the Government. On taking office they were confronted with most difficult circumstances, as the House will dearly understand.

This situation, which I am sorre

This situation, which I am sorry to report to the House, is one which we are seeking to correct.

I am immensely grateful to them and would like to take this opportunity to tell the House that I have complete confidence in them. Their prime concern, as it is mine, and, I am sure, that of the House too, will be that the Crown Agents, with their long history of service and capability, are able to continue to provide for their overseas principals the full range of their services.

Terms and conditions

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MR RIPPON, Opposition spokes
man nn foreign affairs (Herham,
C)—We welcome the Government's determination to maintain
full confidence in the Crown
Agents. The statement says packamentary euthority will be required
for the £85m. Does Mrs Hart
annicipate there will be an opportunity for debate and a full discussion?

Can she say a little bit more
about the terms and conditions on

sion?

Can she say a little bit more about the terms and conditions on which the £85m is to be provided end what is meant by the phrase "recoverable by direction"? Is it really to be a loan or grant or vhat ? We welcome her statement about

the confidence we should have in the new chairman of the board. He has had great experience in public service and outside and we fully

MRS HART—The position is that the money will be advanced to the from Agents but, given the reconstruction of the business that they would contemplate carrying out, there are clearly possibilities that much of this can be recoverable as their assets increase in value or as they make certain changes. Therefore it is e little flexible

but we would hope there would be possibilities of recovering some of this. Nevertheless it is not prethis. Nevertheless it is not pre-cisely a loan but e grant which we hope will be recoverable. (Conser-vative interruptions.)

Conservative MPs must under-stand that this is e situation which has been in the making for at least four to five years and is not so easily recoverable by one single stroke of the pen on one day.

This is the arrangement we have made and on the whole it is the best arrangement to be arrived at. made and on the whole it is the best arrangement to be arrived at. The question of a debate will be a matter for the House. I shall be reporting further. Clearly there will be need to consider what kind of inquiry should take place.

I hope the House would have a little patience about this because clearly oversess principals are involved and, we would need to consider them about the form it should.

MR: GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab)—These enormous difficulties

suit them about the form it should

quickly as they could.

There was the question of what forms of executive would be associated with the assembly. Should it follow the Westminster system or should it be patterned more on a local authority type committee system? There was the onestion of

LORD THURSO (L) said the

Boring committee

LORD GLENKINGLAS (C) speaking from the Opposition from bench, said there was a view that Scotland's interests were not properly looked after by Westminster.

minster.

There is no single part of the House of Commons (he said) which is more boring and more ineffective than the Scottish standing committees. It spends longer achieving less than any other committee of the House. Even the Scottish journalists have practically given np going because they cannot stand it any longer.

It any longer.

They had to give the assembly enough power to make it an effective house, end to make it feet that it was really achieving what the Scottish people wanted.

Scottish people wanted.

It it does not have considerable power over the spending of money (he said) it will fall, because nobody will think it is useful and nobody of any merit or ehility would join in it.

I have reserved the right to direct that moneys now being advanced shall be repaid from Crown Agents' resources in the tourse of any reconstruction of the husiness.

The House will, I know, appreciate that the present chairman, Mr John Cuckney, and the three members of his board. Mr John Likewick of the Crown Agents to the construction of the husiness is attributable to the fall in the walks of shares of the First National Private of the Section of the Crown Agents and the tweed the Crown Agents and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries of the Institutional relationship between the Crown Agents and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries of the Crown Agents and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries of the Crown Agents and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries of the Crown Agents and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries on the investment and the countries of the crown Agents are the crown Agents and the government. This was characteristically at least one Countries on the investment and the crown Agents are the crown Agents and the countries of the crown Agents are the crown Agents and the crown Agents and the crown Agents and the crown Agents and the crown Agents are the crown Agents and the crown Agents and the crown Agents are the countries are the crown Agents and the crown Agents are the countries and the crown Agents are the countries are the countries and the crown Agents are the co al Finance Corporation, a company

was financial director of the Crown Agents?

Did the Government of the day ever give the Crown Agents approval to go into this business of investment by companison with their traditional buying and selling role, which continues to have the

cern about what the position of the cern apour was use postucin of the Crown Agents was and what their involvement was particularly in the money and property markets. I cannot give a precise answer as to the involvement of a particular

One of the factors involved unich is not mercipected, in that the Crown Agents did have con-siderable investments in property and the decline in property values over the last year has intensified the problems that might otherwise confront any organization that put a great deal of money into prop-erty. erty.

This is a matter which is contained in the report which I have had from the cheirman of the

As to the particular member of the staff of the Crown Agents to whom Mr Cunningham referred, he will appreciate that this is perhaps better not discussed in the House at the moment. If there is an intuitive and whethers form that at the moment. If there is an inquiry and whatever form that inquiry takes, it might well be an appropriate subject for that.

This is (she added later) a very unfortunate report to have to make to the House and it follows a series of events, a history of some years. I think we are now doing the right-thing and I am certain that the duty of the Government is to give additional backing to the Crown Agents because of their importance and value; the name of Britain is involved and we must therefore do this.

Some sadness SIR BERNARD BRAINE (South-East Essex, C)—There are some MPs on this side—I was the chairman of the select committee which inquired into this—who were anxious about the financial activities of the Crown Agents precisely because they cut across the superb, unique exceed of corners to the unique record of service to the Crown Agents' principals in the world and to the British economy. I welcome, authorem with some sadness, the statement the minister has made. At any stage have any of the principals have method of the the principals been critical of the conduct of the Crown Assents in regard to the conduct of their international business?

MRS HART—The answer to the last question is "No". The over-seas principals still have every confidence in the Crown Agents. What we are talking about is the conse-quence of operations which were quence of operations winth write begun in the money and property markets, which left undisturbed the complete efficiency and good faith of the operations of the Crown Agents in procurement ser-vices which is the real basis of their nestwices.

Political and economic | Manifesto's meaning dial arrangements would clearly be of fundamental importance. Another major area of difficulty was the possible trada and industry functions which it might be possible to devolve to the Scottish assembly. There were enormous complexities in that area and the Government were proceeding as quickly as they could. There was the question of what Callaghan

MR JAY (Battersea, North, Lah) saked the Secretary of State for Fureign and Commonwealth Aftairs in what respect the Government proposed to integrate the United Kingdom more closely with EEC policies in January, 1975.

tem? There was the question of the relationships between the Scot-tisb assembly and Westminster. We are confident (be said) that ell the problems can be solved, but we want to be sure we get the right solution. LORD THURSO (L) said the assembly must be clearly seen by Scotsmen to be capable of conducting and controlling Scotland's desting. It must be clearly seen to be in the hands of Scotsmen and not to be subject to overriding pressures from Westminster. It must be capable of shaping Stotland's way of life.

You cannot give effective power to the assembly (be said) unless you give it power to raise and spend money.

MR CALLAGHAN—I am not only a defender of the manifesto, I was also in e humble way part author of it and I have a clear recollection of what was put in, why, and what it means. why, and what it means.

We are (he said) fulfilling our

commitments under the treaties,
but we are agreeing to no new
processes of integration. As
regards the effect on what is taking
place, the total impact of the
change in duries will be a small net reduction in duty amounting to 0.1 per cent of consumer expenditure.

MR SPRIGGS (St Helens, Lab)—Mr Callaghan should never agree to sell the right of veto in the Common Market.

known to Mr

MR CALLAGHAN—Certain transitional changes occur on January 1, 1975, under the Treaty of Accession. Some tariff changes, designed to improve the Community's general scheme of preferences also take effect on January 1.

January 1.

MR JAY—As Mr Calleghan is a great defender of his party election manifesto, is he aware the manifesto pledged that during the process of renegotiation there would be no further move towards integration particularly as regards food subsidies? It is quite inconsistent with that pledge for the Government to introdoce an order, which we have not even debated, to raise new food taxes and levels on January 1.

MR RIFKIND (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C)—A recent survey of 220 leading British companies showed that only four believed they had suffered more harm than good out of the EEC. None wished to see

MR CALLAGHAN -Because this question of sovereignty is impor-tant, I intend in the debate tomor-row (Thursday) to write our care-fully what the position is, but in the meantime there is no question of the veto having disappeared, or being likely to disappear.

English cousins, who should help and not hinder. LORD CROWTHER HUNT, Minister of State for Education and Science, said the Government were pressing on with all the detailed work needed to implement the proposals in the Whita Paper an devolution, published in September. The proposals it made were far-reaching, and amounted to a more radical constitutional change in the relationships between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom than anything that had been known since 1707. The proposed assembly should have legislative powers and essume many of the executive functions of the Scottish Office and of the nominated authorities now operating within its boundaries. It was a vital and fundamental principle to maintain the economic and political unity of the United Kingdom. The Government were moving as quickly as possible to implement the White Paper and to set up directly elected assemblies in Scotland and Wales. There were formidable problems to be solved before it was possible to proceed to legislation. There was the question of the range of legisletive powers to be devolved to Scotland. There were also enormously difficult and complex problems to be solved in the area of finance and economic management. The finance of legisletive problems to be solved in the area of finance and economic management. The finance Protecting British interests in Uganda MR TOWNSEND (Bexley, Bexposition to honour any agreement reached? MR TOWNSEND (Bexley, Bexposition to honour any agreement reached? MR TOWNSEND (Bexley, Bexposition to honour any agreement reached? MISS LESTOR—We continue to temporarily withdrew our High-

leyheath, C) asked the Secretary

of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs for a statement on his present policy towards General Amin's regime in Uganda.

MISS LESTOR—We continue to Commission office.

MISS LESTOR—I do not think anybody on the Government side british properties expropriated in Epitish properties expropriated in Uganda. Uganda Uganda bas acknowledged Uganda Uganda as cleave policy in Uganda, as elsewhere, is to protect and promote British interests.

MR TOWNSEND—What is the current position regarding the straight of t

collapse of finance, production and saving

MR HEATH (Berley, Sideup, C), opening a debate on the economy, said the extreme gravity of the crists which faced the country had in the last fortuight become expellingly clear. Every indicator pointed to the fact that it would become worse.

The Government's policies were immensely demanding to industrial any price. How could this be recordled with an effective and-inflation policy? (Conservative cheers.) The Government's positions were immensely demography in industrial life and to the economic prospects of the country. The Chancellor's exaction posities, the Government's posities for public ownership and for intervention, and the constant of the country of the infiction. sing and for intervencion and the continuing renegotiations in Europe had created uncertainty and destroyed confidence. It would require an extraordinary effort by the British people to restore confidence in the economy as well as in the stability of the country's society. (Conservative cheers.) We cannot expect a testional response from the British people (be said) unless the British people are told the plain hard truth about the present situation.

The Government had aiways been behindlend with the truth on inflation, on the threatening unemployment, on the breakdown in industry, and on the real need for conservation measures in oil.

Two mouths after an election in which they were told everything would get better Britain asced the worst ever rate of infiction, with forecasts of still worse to come, the worst ever balance of trade deficit, worst ever current account deficit, worst ever rate for sterling and the collapse of the stock mar-ket, which was et its lowest level for 20 years.

The Government were presiding

The Government were presiding over and hastening the decay, destruction, and complete collapse of the nonnel mechanism of production, finance, and saving. Financial institutions were finding fewer credit worthy clients to lend to. The real rate of return was still a negative one. These were the effects of inflation at the rate of 20 per cent. per cent.
There were many forces which

made the current wage inflation worse. Stage Three had been abandoned. In the new year, there would be greater pressures on negotiators to press for higher wages, interim agreements; and amicipation of price rises, as the topoling to arrangements which topping up arrangements which broke the 12 months rule, and there were wage settlements in National Institute report had said.

MR FOOT, Secretary of State for Employment (EDDW Vale, Lab), said the statement of the National Institute on this point was misleading. It was untrue that any such industrial arrangements would be within the guidelines nor were settlements being made on that basis.

M. (he midel) Mr. Heath class H (he added) Mr Heath gives currency to this he might encourage people to try to get settlements on that basis. (Labour cheers and Conservative protests.) MR HEATH-I appreciate the minister's point. In no way would I wish to emulate his own conduct when in opposition. (Conservative

MR FOOT—That statement by the National Institute is wrong. They suggested that such industrial arrangements would be within the guidelines. It is unitrue. I hope therefore that Mr Hestin, having been given the facts, would with draw that statement and not give, further currency to it. (Labour there).

MR HEATH—I do not propose to follow the course Mr Foot followed in opposition of inclaing every major wage claim in sight. (Conservative cheers and Labour

MR FOOT—I repeat that that statement by the National Institute is false and misleading. I trust that Mr. Heath, having had the faces pointed out to thim, will now refuse to continue giving it credence. It is unique that settlements are being made on that basis.

MR HEATH—Mr Foot will have to deal with the facts of the case and explain bow these massive awards can be justified. (Conservative cheers.) They are leading to increased inflation.

There was no time to be lost if

MP protests at

after poll result

MRS MILLIE MILLER (Redbridge, liford, North, Lab) was
given leave to bring in the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill to provide for the
conduct of proceedings following
the counting of votes at a general
election in multi-constituency
boroughs to ensure that each successful candidate shall be
antitled to speak.

She said that on October 10 in
Redbridge she had been denied the
privilege which every MP considered their "birthright" on
winning an election. The returning
officer aunonnoed that it had been
arranged (but did not say by or

arranged (but did not say by or with whom) that the candidates with the bighest and lowest vote in the borough would be the only ones allowed to join in the tradi-

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Today at 11.00 District Cours (Scub-land) Still, remaining stages. Education Bill, second reading, Motion on Social Security (Commitmitions and Married Women and Widows) Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations.

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procedure

Recoveraged those who were in militant groups to make entreme demands of all kinds. Arbitration without principles could not be an effective means of dealing with inflation. There might be many fundamental changes necessary in the industriel and economic spheres. But the fundamental change to a socialist state slege economy was not the change the country wanted. (Conservative cheers.) In the October election, the Labour Party bound themselves in no circumstances to have an incomes policy requiring statutory Are we still to assume (he said)

that this influtionary struction, approaching hyper-inflution, is going to increase at an ever-increasing rate with the sort of minouncement we have had about creaming rate with the sort of smnouncement we have had about wage increases, and the Government taking to action of any lind? In this case, this Government are heading for catastrophs. (Loud Conservative Cheers.)

There were those who said the Government must introduce a freeze. He hoped they would recognize the immense difficulties of going for a straight freeze, but above all that they would recognize that any action of the kind required at a later period a process of gening out of a freeze. This was one of the major problems which faced an economy. It could be done with considerable flexibility, but the difficulties were great.

They had to thresh out a programme of measures which ought to be agreed by all parties. The Opposition were prepared to cooperate where action was taken to saye the mixed economy.

Borrowing
They would all have to agree to
cut the massive borrowing requirement which the Chancellor had
embarked on Quike apart from pay
increase or subsides, there had
been an increase of £55m in real
terms expenditure. The Government were responsible for the.
Although it was tempting for the
Opposition to make capital out of
cuts, if the January White Paper
on public expenditure followed a
sound strategy to bring public
expenditure under control, the
Opposition would support the
Chancellor.

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer—The increase in the estimates published the other day extracts promined the other of arises from increases in pensio housing and threshold payments the public sector, for which party was responsible. MR HEATH—It was the Prime Minister who pressed me consistently when I was in office to introduce threshold payments. Mr Healey ought not to try to shift

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab)—I accept what he says about threshold pay-ments. In real terms, the whole of the increase is due to pensions and bousing. Mr Heath condemned creases in real terms; what is attacking—pensions or housing which would be cut?

MR HEATH—Mr Wilson is try-ing to change the question. These increases, wishin are in spal terms, are the result of Government policy. Par too little was being done about saving the use of energy in industry. The Conservative Government's action last December had shown that industry would dis-

procests.)
The institute's report suggested there were large was included and the social contract other that the social contract validate and the infinite or energy without affecting production. The minister was completely ineffective in trying to restrain the social contract validate the whole nation of the social contract validate the whole nation of the social contract validate they would be sold to whole nation of the social to the social contract validate they would be sold to whole nation of the social contract validate they would be sold to whole nation of the social contract validate they would the was the social contract validate they would the was the social contract validate they would the was the social contract.

Social contract validate they were the sold the social the social contract the their possible will be assured of some return to the sold the number of some return the third the number of the social contract the social contrac He did not believe that Britain could be self-supporting in all by 1980, as was originally imended. To be self-supporting by 1985; would be a remarkable schieve-

The response required was a national response and one of indi-vidual as well as corporate effor-the length and breadth of the country, a response of prepared-ness to forgo in the short term to ensure longer term interests. increased inflation.

There was no time to be lost if ple were prepared to make just tha Government were to have any chance of mastering inflation through a voluntary policy or an alternative statutory policy. But what the Conciliation and Arbitration Service did—their whole philosophy—was to secure industrial peace. It was prepared to do so at Conservative them tonight. (Loud peace, it was prepared to do so at Conservative them tonight. (Loud

Government hastening the Nation must be fitter not fatter with leaner, efficient economy

MR HEALEY, Chencellor of the Enchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), said it was with a certain diffidence that he intervened in what was clearly a two-day Conservative offered the prospect of rapidly Farty selection conference.

(Labour dicters and Conservative growing demand and those markets with the outhook had darkened a good deal even in the five wetter since the Budget dehere. No one denied the world was in a recession and the question was whether k moved from recession that in 1375 world output and trade might not grow at all and recovery could be postported until 1976. If this proved to be the case, next year could be even more difficult than this for Britzin and most of her pactners.

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then this for Britain and most of the pactners.

He made no spology for his efforts in the past nine mouths to warn his colleagues abroad of the dangers and the miled action required to overcome them. He had not been without success. By the soutmen there was general agreement in the Community and OECD that unemployment was sownesserious a danger as inflation.

The prospects for the world economy as a whole remained uneasily balanced. There would be an opportunity for further discussions on a concerted approach when he met his colleagues in the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund in Washington next mouth.

Some shift in American policy was now inevitable but it would be critical for all how soon and how large that shift proved to be.

Oil surpluses

Very little that was done now sinher in Britain or elsewhere in the world was likely to have much effect on world trade during the next year.

The major part of the January meeting of the IMF would be devoted to considering new machinery for recycling the oil producter's surpluses. Without such machinery all Britain's efforts to discourage restrictive fiscal poli-

machinery an Britain's encous to discourage restrictive fiscal poli-cies would be wasted. This was because tonsumer countries would not be able to import the oil they needed to stay in business. The strains on the international building system could soon, prove implicable. He believed that perintolerable. He believed that next mouth agreement in principle could be reached on the IMP scheme he had suggested in October for investment of petrodollars as a basis for helping oil consuming nations. This had been supported by his European partners and had been well received by the oil producers.

Everyone would welcome the assurances of the oil producers who made a contribution towards financing e deficit which was inevitable until the OPEC countries could absorb amports of goods and services equal to the value of the oil they exported.

But they imposed a heavy

oil they exported.

But they imposed e heavy burden of interest payments which Bristin must reduce as fast as she could. Unless she were seen to make progress in reducing her trade deficit she may not appear to be a suitable country in which to invest. So it would be necessary to marry out changes in the economic

output towards exports and invest-ment before receiving the foll benefits of offshore off.
The exchange rate changes in the
past few weeks would help to keep would: have to be vigorous and determined to hold overseas mar-lets. If exports faltered, the impli-

Threequarters of those who had settled since July received increases within the guidelines hid down by the TUC and of the increases in earnings over the past 12 months, about half was accounted for by the shreshold agreements, and substantial further part of it was caused by public servents. Ike nurses and postmen who had been unfairly penalized by the statutory policy.

In Britain was settlements over the past 26 years had not been higher than in most of the countries which competed with it, but they had not been accompanied by the same growth in productivity that had been seen in other countries.

tries.

Investment was not the only key to increasing productivity. He strongly agreed that to reduce the number of industrial stoppages would do more for output in the immediate future than any contrainable increase in investment. Whatever view Mr Heath might take of the Conciliation and Arbitration the Conciliation and Arbitration Service as a determinant of wage settlements it could play a major role in reducing the number of stoppages at every level.

Investment was a major component in productivity. The problem was not so much the rate of investment. Here Britain had not done very differently from many of its competitors, like Germany. The problem had always been that British industry had got a much lower rate of output per unit of investment than Germany, Japan, or the United States.

The REDC had decided to concentrate on this aspect of the prob-

The REDC and decaded to con-centrate on this aspect of the prob-lem in the next 12 months. Data was essentially a problem of how individual firms and companies ordered their affairs. The Govern-ment land a duty to provide the necessary environment in which micro-economic changes could take

necessary environment in which maken believe a special problem here during the world recession. It might be difficult, no matter how much money was offered to private industry, to persuade many firms to invest a lot of money in new capacity, green field investment.

There was nevertheless great scope for improving productivity from existing capacity by the sort of investment which, for example, removed bottlenecks in the production process. Many leading industrialists planned, despite all the problems, to concentrate on investment in this area guer the coming magnetic planned, despite all the problems, to concentrate on investment in this area guer the coming magnetic manner in the area guer. The Builter measures and price code changes amounced this afternoon proved the Government's goodwill for the private sector. He was prepared to consider whether anything else was needed, but must be assured of some return for anything he did in terms of investment.

What disappointed him again today, and he suspected some Opposition MPs, was that Mr Heath showed no sign of heaving learnt anything from the experience of his three and a half years in office. (Labour cheers.) Mr Powell yesterday described Mrs Thatcher as Satan rebuicing sin, but Mr Heath was the Prince of Darkness himself. He was the Beelzebub of Bexley. (Labour leaghter.) zebub o laughter.)

There was a time when he had the reputation for clear thinking and plain speaking. The House had had no clear thinking or plain speaking today on the major problems on which Mr Heath had sought this debate in order to make constructive proposals.

Hysterical abuse

Thert had been a farrage of dishonest self contradiction made worse by the duril and hysterical abuse which Mr Heath aimed at anyone who had a positive policy to put forward. Worst of all, in spite of his denials, he took an obvious satisfaction in any item of news which boded ill for the mation. (Conservative proposity,) news which boded ill for the station. (Couservative protests.)
He knew his own political survival was dependent on the nation's disaster. He had a vested interest in catastrophe. Even as a prophet Mr Heath was not a Cassandra. He was more like the fat boy in The Picknick Papers whose only aim was to make the flesh creep. (Laughter.) This was no basis for national unity.

What was needed was a Government which would attempt to understand the problems and attitudes of others even when they

tudes of others even when they disagreed with them—a Govern-ment which would take pride in the nutlon's success. What was needed was a determination, while recognizing the immense and daunting scale of the

problem faced by Britain and the world, to make the sacrifices needed to pull through. MR CARR (Surron, Carshalton, C)—Can the Chancellor explain why in the period in which he has been in control inflation, by his measure, has risen from \$A per cant in September to 21.3 per cent now, and what is he gring to do about it? (Conservative cheers.) MR HEALEY-There is bound

MR HEALEY—There is bound to be some further increase in the rate of inflation because of the increase in world prices, which was not expected by any of us a few months ago, by the increase in nationalized industries' prices, and as a resolt of the relaxations in the Price. Code which were strongly supported by Conservative MPs.

I believe it is possible to reduce the should of wage inflation through the successful operation of the social contract. (Conservative should of "When does it start ?")

We have never us a nation in when the k start? "I We have never us a nation in peacetime faced according problems of the scale and complexity of those which we face this year, and it may well be even more danning to the year shead on the world scene, I think the hide will turn in 1976. I shall do my best as British Chancellor to persuade my collegues to the take the best se British Chancellor to per-suede my colleagues to take the measures which may enable it to turn before next year is out. Britain would receive sorely needed help, which was denied to others, from the oil lying around these shores which would start Blowing in quantity, around about 1976.

1976.
Meanwhile (he said) we must accept a period in which living standards cannot rise and could even fall. We shall have to be fixter. We shall have at leaner and more efficient economy. Under this Government we shall have a recient invisored in the contract of the cont society invigorated by a unity which has eluded us for a gener-ation because it is a unity based on compassion and instinct (Labour

MR THORPE (North Devon, L) said large numbers of people, said it was essential for the Government to bring home clearly the growing of the economic situation.

People did not yet accept it but it had do be usede crystal clear because there could not be surther. The social contract had been e visit accept it was too rigid and did not provide adequate machinery for dealing with special cases: A statitory pelces and factories policy would have so be involuded.

There must be stronger boosts too invostment and efficient production. To overcome the crisis they must exhibit be a reduction in the transfer of knowny goods being fan ported. There was scope for an encommon increase in food production in Brickin so they could cut for in the factories of knowny goods being fan ported. There was scope for an encommon increase in food production in Brickin so they could cut food in the first of the factories of knowny goods being fan an encommon increase in food production in Brickin so they could cut for in the factories of the could be a reduction spokes of the food in the first of the factories of the could be a reduction in the first of the factories of the food in the first of the factories of the food production in Brickin so they could cut for the food in the factories of the factories of the food in the factories of the food the factories of the food in the factories of the food the factories of the factories of the food the factories of the factories of the factories of the food the factories of the factories of the factories of the factories of the factories

The deteriorating trade deficit with all parts of the world

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs would take account of the deficit in trade between the United Kingdom and the EBC partners as stated by the Secretary of State for Trade on November 16 in the ranegotistion of the terms of United Kingdom membership. MR JAMES CALLAGRAN (Cardiff, South East, Lab)—The country's trade deficit is a matter

for serious concern wherever arises. Since 1971 there has been ageneral deterioration in Britain's non-off trade gap with a number of important trading partners and all these factors will be taken into account.

also been a remark about communism.

A man in the hall had said that "something ominons had happened in liferd, North, tonight" and that "a communist salute bas heen given in this hall ".

Since 1945 she had been an pened in Ilford, North, tonight" and that "a communist salute bas heen given in this hall".

Since 1945 she had been an elected representative in the London area and it had never been suggested in that time that she had sympathies to communism. Every successful candidate should be allowed to mank supporters and the electorate, too. parts of the world?

MR CALLAGHAN—I do not find that our deficit weakens our negotiating hand. Other countries have a deficit, but Germany is in substantial surplus. It has been a general deterioration. Our non-oil trade gap with the EEC increased fivefold between 1971 and 1973, with Efta threefold, with the Commonwealth 13-fold and with the United States by 17 times. MR . SCOTT-HOPKINS. (West Derbyshire, C)—Membership has been of the greatest benefit to our trade and furnience. Because of the lowering of trade barriers between Britain and the Community, we have increased our trade.

MR BUCHANAN (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab) saked if the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwestin Affairs would take account of the deficit in trade account of the deficit in trade between the United Kingdom and the EEC partners as stated by the Secretary of State for Trade on November 16 in the renegotistion of the terms of United Kingdom MR LAMOND (Oldham East Know whether it would improve the countries to see whether the secretary of State for Trade on State f

Today at 2.30: Debate on Developments in the European Communities White Paper Debate on BEC documents on Community finance and the draft clt to both sides. Whichever side a clear one.

ithere is a cooclusion. If we are going to have an argument, it should be on a sensible basis.

MR LAMOND (Oldham, East Lab)—Is part of the deficit not due to unforthiste importing from Mediferennean associate members of cheap control years which, by mistake, I premme, has been labelled as new material, the importanting industry. of the north-west, so much so that some mannfacturers are prophesying the death of the industry by 1975.

MR CALLAGHAN—The EEC Commission is meeting today to some in relation to Lancarshre. The position of the extile industry has taken up the time of meetings of inherent the method in relation to Lancarshre. The position of the extile industry has taken up the time of meetings of the EEC against less from also as the end of the industry has taken up the time of meetings of the EEC against less from also as the responsible to make an accordance of the extile industry has taken up the time of meetings of the EEC.

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EEC ministers meetings in January

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs (Rirmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab), made a state-ment about business to be taken in the Council of Ministers of the European Community during January

European Community during January 3.

He said: At present five meetings of the Council of Ministers are proposed for January. Agriculture ministers will meet on January 13 and 14, and 20 and 22; foreign ministers on January 20 and 21; finance ministers January 27 and development ministers on dates yet to be set. It may also be necessary for ministers to discuss the letest position in the negociations with the developing sugar producing countries.

Agriculture ministers will resume their discussion of Community farm prices for 1975-76 and of proposals for the beef regime.

Community farm prices for 1975-76 end of proposals for the beef regime.

The foreign affairs Council will be the first since the recent heads of government meeting in Paris.

It is likely that the foreign ministers will wish to review the outcome of that meeting, although the full egenda for the Council is not yet evaliable.

The agenda for finance-ministers is also not known, although they are kkely to have their usual monthly discussions on the community discussions on the community discussions on the community contibution to the United Nations emergency measures; a Commission proposal on guidelines for a new aid framework for the Community; and food aid polity.

There is also likely to be a ministerial meeting between the EEC and the African, Carlbbeen and Pacific countries to conclude hencegotiations for a new convention of association.

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Wycombe and Chester are top dogs

knocked Newcastle United out of the League Cup and Wycombe Waoderers, of the Isthmian League beat the third division club Bournemouth in the FA Cup last night. when Manchester United, of the second division, also eliminated Middlesbrough from the League Cup and England's under 23 side. despite various troubles leading up to the game, beat the young Scot-3-0 in Aberdeen.

Wycombo have a dream-like prize for their labours, which at the same time added salt into the would of middleshrough at Old Trafford. Jack Charlton's side now have to play Wycombe on the 1sthmiou League club's own Loakes Park ground, renowned for its slepe. It should be easy for the furri division club, but they cannot

Wycombe bring the number of non-League clubs through to the

one.

In FA spokesman said yester-day that the request had been granted because of police insist-ence that they could not cope with

two cup-ties at the same time, Nottingham Forest are also at home, against Tottenbam Hotspur,

and with the grounds only a quar-ter of a mile apart police authori-ties stated that they could not cope with the traffic flow, park-

The decision to reduce York's limit came after talks with architects who were consulted about crowd safety, but it was not made

solely because of the visit of Man-chesier United and their trouble-some supporters. United's ticket allowance is 6,000, all behind one

Charlton, without a came on

January 4 because their opponents, Presion, are still in the FA Cup.

bave arranged to play Wretham. Originally the fixture was due to be played on Good Friday.

Greece increase

in group eight

Athens, Dec 18.—Greece in-creased their lead in qualifying group eight of the European chain

plenship with a 2-1 victore over Bulgaria here today. Greece have four points from three matches and are followed by West Germany

with one point from one game and Bulgaria with one point from two. Malta, the fourth country in the group, open their programme with a home match against West Ger-many on Sunday.

Quickly into their stride, Greece

took the lead after only four minutes when Sarafis headed in from close range following a free kick taken by Papaiounnou. Their second goal came in the forneth minute, scored by Antoniades with

Bulgaria pressed hard in the second half, with the outside left Kurbanov often looking dangerous. Denev shot bard and forced the Greek goalkeeper, Constantinou, to make a diving save in the 75th minute. But the Bulgarian finishing was indeclaive, and the only reward for their efforts was

only reward for their efforts was an 83th minute goal by Kolev from a pass by Bonev.—Reuter.

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vas made are now: Peterborough United v Tranmere Ravers; Swindon Town v Lincoln City; Bury v Millwall: Mansfield Town v Cam-bridge United; Wycombe Wan-derers v Middlesbrough. The Semi-linal round of the Football League Cup. played nn a two lea basis, will be: Manchester United v Norwich City and Chester v Astoa Villa. The first division has been eleminated completely. Juhn James put paid

Newcastle with the only goal the game. Chester went wild

Their victims in the competition make an impressive list—Walsall. Blacknool. Preston, Leeds, and

first-half

resistance

now Newcastle.

third round on January 4 to five.

The others are Leatherhead, also muth 2—1. A goal down in nine of the Isthmian League, Wimble don, of the Southern League, and Altrincham and Statiord Rangers of the Northern Premier League.

The des uncertain when the draw was made are now: Peterborough living to Tranger Pages. Such leaf forced to play their striker.

The destination of the manager's warning shots before the game that they could not possibly lose this one. For much of the game it looked as if they tory through Horseman and Perning after the third division side had after the forced to play their striker. been forced to play their striker substitute, Wingate, in goal for the final 45 minutes.

Chester for the League Cup final at Wembley. This amazing prospect cannot now be discounted as they eliminated Newcastle as they eliminated Newcastle United 'at Sealand Road end fought their way into the two legged semi-final round with Aston Villa.

With this fiercely fought quarters final stoned englar deciding

ter-final round replay grinding into a state of dreary stalemate. lames, whose goalscoring exploits had put paid to Leeds United in the previous round, struck again. His seventy-fifth minute goal turned a dour affair into another David and Goliath epic. Before a

ded the amminition for their manager's warning shots before the game that they could not possibly lose this one. For much of the game it looked as if they could not possibly win it. But Newcastle, clearly missing the punch of Tudor up front, falled to exploit their earlier advantages and in the end were left holding. and in the end were left bolding their heads in their hands as they rushed off the field to avoid the cheering bordes invading the

pit.h.

Toeart, Manchester City's £250,000 signing from Sunderland early this year, staked a strong claim for a place in England's team for the European champlonship match against Cyprus in February when he scored two opportunist goals in England's 3—0 victory over Scodand in the under-23 match in Aberdeen. He and Boyer impressed England's manager, Dun Revie, in an otherwise dull game. Manchester Toeart.

Beattie returns to ask Ipswich manager to give him a rest

Kevin Beattie, the Ipswich Town footballer, yesterday travelled home to place himself at the mercy of his club manager, Bobby Pubers, after follows is in the parents, home in Carlisle on Tues-Notts County bave been granted a request in play their FA Cup third round the against Pornsmouth on Friday, Jaouary 3. This is the first time a third round the has him moved from the stipuleted date. Robson, after falling to join the England party for the nuder-23 international match against Scotlaud in Aberdeen last night.

Following a six hour journey from Carlisle to London. which began at 6.42 am after a sleepless night. Beattle said: "I still haven't worked out what I am going to say to Mr Robson, and I don't know what he will say to me. I am just hoping that he will he tolerant. I am hoping I can get all this sorted out voday."

Beattle had plenty of time to brood on his difficulties during the journey, which was delayed by engineering works north of Preston and then an unexpected switch of trains. When he arrived in London he had 31 minutes to get across to Liverpool Street station, but he was driven there by newspaper reporters and caught the train to Ipswich with seconds to spare. England party for the under-23 cope with the traffic flow, parking or crowd cootrol.

Vanchesler United will be watched by their smallest crowd of the season when they visit Ynrk City in an all-ticket second division game on Saturday. York's attendance limit has been reduced by 1,000 to 16,637, making Bootham Crescent the smallest ground to the division, and the third smallest to the Foothall League. Only Hereford and Cambridge 116,000) have smaller capacities.

day. He stayed in Carliste on luesday. He stayed in Carliste overnight but was up before dawn to
catch the Loodon train yesterdey,
having talked of the pressures of
modern football. He said be was
"too shattered" to give of his
best to England. Beattie said: "When I get to lpswich I am going bome because am shartered after beving no sleep and following the long journey. Then I am going to see the boss to ask him if I can have a rest. I would certainly appre-ciate it if be would let me. Of course, I have no lear what his answer will be. All this has been building up for a number of weeks. The immense amount of travelling and the pressure has had things buzzing around in the top of my bead, and I am aure a rest would do me good."

a long talk with his mother, and when be left be bad not had a change of heart. He was a bit apprehensive because be expects a good ticking off when he arrives in ipswich."

Reartie said that he had affect Beattle said that he bad tried to contact the England manager, Don Revie, but had been unable to reach him on the telephone. He arrived at Ipswich station shortly before a quarter to three and was taken to the Ipswich Town beadquarters et Portman Road for a meeting with My

Alan Little, a 19-year-old mid-field player from Aston Villa, signed yesterday for Southend United, for a fee of about £10,000. United, for a fee of about £10,000. Terms bad been agreed between the clubs. Little, a younger brother of Brian Little, has played four first-team games for Villa. He scored in the League Cup quarter-final victory at Colchester two weeks ago. Tony Betts, a striker, who has made one first-team appearance, joined South-After Beattie left for Ipswich, team appearance, joined South his father said: "Kevin has had port, on a month's loan restorday

North underline class with a flourish

Nurthern Schools 4 After their successes on the After their successes on the previous day in the six-a-side tournament, it was to be expected that the Northern Schools would prove to be too powerful for the Southern Schools in their annual match at the Bank of England ground at Rochampton yesterday. Yet in the event the South held their own for at least two-thirds of an enjoy-able match. of an enjoyable match.

Apart from an exciting final 10 minutes, all the best football was played in the first half. Rather fromcally, when both sides were at their hest only one goal was scored, whereas when mistakes crept in after the interval, the goalkeapers were beaten in five occasioos and only once could any blame he attached to them.

The game started at a cracking of an enjoyable match. The game started at a cracking pace. Encouraged by overlapping full backs and sensibly using the full width of the pitch, both sides attacked with determination. Pendiehury shot a powerful low

left wing and Remnant collected his centre and shot for goal; but Alshitt deflected the ball on to the crossbar, whence after a real scrummage the North kicked to safety. When Holt besded another centre by Lauffer with a smack against the crossbar, we had enjoyed more thrills in the first 10 minutes than are often pro-10 minutes than are often pro-rided in a whole came. As both sides began to settle As both sides began to settle down, the defences became debter. Alshitt, Butterworth and Waddicur gave little away, while Price, one of the successes of the game, and Phelps tackled firmly and imitated many attacks. Then, the before here to the same the successes of the game, and Phelps tackled firmly and imitated many attacks. Then, the before here to the same tacks are the same tacks are the same tacks. into the date that the tasks. Then, just before half time. Taylorson finished off the best close passing movement of the whole game with a quickly taken shot to give the Northern Schools an interval lead. Except for a final flourish, the

Ricbards saved brilliantly; a second half was dull by comparison the six-a-side was almost through.

Southern 2 and smother the ball as Taylorson was almost through.

The Southerners responded hools would be full for the left wing and Remnant collected definition and the field, made an opening for Remnant to redefinite and the formal to redefinite and the first and the formal the formal that the formal the first and the formal that the formal the first and the North a two-nil advantage, but Adomakoh, the fastest runner with the ball on the field, made an opening for Remnant to reduce the lead. Waddloor coolly chipped the North's third goal, Adomakob made it 3—2, and in a storming finish, with both sides using substitutes, Waddicor completed a highly satisfactory display by putting the issue beyond doubt at 4-2 for the North. Overall this was a fair result. NORTH: D. Jackson (Bury): I. Jackson (Bury): J. Marchester (B): J. Mar hury (Sury GS).

SOUTH: T. Richards (Westmiretter);
N. Price (Malvari), C. Rowland
(Latymer Upport), S. Taube (Westminster), S. Phelps (Calayett), Satunder),
(Satunder), (Malvern), Remarkat
(Eton), O. Latyfor (University),
1698 School), Ward (Eton), A.
Adomskoh (Chartethause), D. Rofi
(Eton), O. Rofi (Eton).
Refere: J. Witteking (London Sucrety).

Influenza virus affects four Luton players

drive from Bistock's centre, but

Luton Town are taking special precoutions to stop the spread of an influenza virus that has affected four players. Garner, Hiodson. Chambers and O'Connor have beer sent home and told not to return to Kecilworth Road until they have recovered.

Several reserve players are Injured, including Fern, who will be out of action until February. He has entered buspital for an operation on the medial ligament

in his right leg. Luton, who play Derby Cnunty at home on Saturday, were scheduled to send a team to play Group eight table

Grocce 3 1 2 0 7 6 4 the match has had to be cancelled because of the club's injury and sulf to play. Matta

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Govier for Grimsby Coker on loan Ade Coker, a 20-year-old West Ham United forward, bas joined Lincoln City for a five weeks loan period. Lincoln, badly bit by injuries, will play Coker in their home game with Stockport County Grimsby Town yesterday signed Govler, the 22-year-old Brighton and former Norwich City centrebalf, for £16,000. He makes bis debut at home Athletic on Saturday. home to Charlton

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Bowles comes off the transfer list

Staoley Bowles, placed nn the Queen's Park Rangers transfer list for a month last week, has decided for a month last week, has decided that he wants to stay with the club. The England forward, who was dropped from the team for Saturday's match against Sheffield United, asked to be taken off the list after playing for the reserves against Tottenbam Hotspur. Manager Dave Sexton, who had made his hrilliant striker available for transfer because of the player's apparent desire to move, announced that he was "delighted". When he dropped Bnwles for Saturday's match a few days after signing Masson from Notts County the Rangers' manager said: "I

the Rangers' manager said: "I think it is better all round if we have players in the side who want to play for Rangers."

Fixture changes Brentford will play their League match at Northampton on January 4, Instead of March 18. Cambridge United's home fixture against Stockport County has been changed from January 10 to the following day (3.0).

Disciplinary cases on

the increase

Disciplinary offences in Football League, League Cup, and FA Cup matches are on the increase. By the end of November 50 players had been sent off, compared with 39 in the same period in 1973. About 1,200 players whose names have been taken ere registered with the Football Association, e rise of epproximately 300 on last year.

Denmis Leigh, of Lincoln City, lost his appeal against being sent off in the FA Cup first-round match at Port Vale. He begins a three-match suspension from next Monday and so misses the thirdround game af Swindon on Janu-

ary 4.

Leigh, who appeared before an FA disciplinary commission in Birmingham yesterday, strack an opponent during the game and was dismissed by the referee, Kenneth Baker (Birmingham).

David Hall (Sbeffield Wednesday) was banned for one match and fined filo for remarks he made to the referee after a Central League game with Leeds United. Hall's good record had been taken into account by the commission.

Yesterday's results and scorers

Second round replay

Fifth round replays

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cast Group play-off: Surrey 9, Middlesex 13.
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12. Public Schools Wanderer 32.
BCHOOLS MATCHES: Blundell's
16. Denstone 3; Mampione 05 89.
Short Collegy 7.
RUGSY LEAGUE: First direction:
Wigan 20, Featherstone 9.

Hockey

Sparkle Again sparkles again at Catterick

Sparkle Again, who was laid off for six weeks with a cracked heel, made a winning return in the Danby Handicap Steeplechase at Canerick Bridge yesterday with a balf length victory from Tartan Turor.

Sparkle Again, who was laid off turned in a promising performance to finish a close third and will probably next race in the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Steeplechase at Wetherby on Box or the Mandarin Handicap Steeplechase at Newhory on Steeplechase at New balf length victory from Tartan Tutor.

The win surprised his owner-trainer, Reginald Lamb, who said:

"I thought that Sparkle Again would need a race or two to bring him to his best. He is entered in a steeplechase at Newtastle on Saturday week and be might be aimed there next."

Bidley Lamb, the useful amateur

Ridley Lamb, the useful amateur Ridley Lamb, the useful amateur rider who put up a pound over-weight on the winner, followed the early leaders, Corrie Burn and Anthony Wait, until the last fence and then urged Sparkle Again into the lead.

Mr Lamb, who won the race last

cap Steeplechase at Newbury on Arthur Stephenson had a double with Wylam Boy and Geenada. Wylam Boy, ridden by Tommy Stack, strode away from the opposition to the wind the state of the state o sition to win the first division of the Streetlam Novices' Hurdle by a comfortable eight lengths from Willow Walk. Geenada was another smooth winner for Stephenson in the Brompton Amateur Riders Nov-ices Hurdle, beating Perfect Match Rugby Union

Coventry field another weak XV

Coventry are depleted for the second successive weekend by trial calls on their best men and field a side away to Gloucester on Saturday without seven regular players.

Five of them—Rossborough, Duckham, Preece, Cotton and Evans are all in the England trial. Barton is unfit and prop forward Broderick is drupped, his place being taken by Corless. With a similar depleted team Coventry lost 12-9 to Lisnelli last Saturday.

Team: P. Evans: S. Maisey, T. Corless, P. Coulthard, T. Barmwell; A. Cowman, C. Grinshaw; B. Corless, J. Gallagher, K. E. Falrurother, I. R. Darnell, B. Ninnes, P. Bryan, A. Trongitton,

B. Holt.

Gerry Redmond, former Cambridge University forward who played for England once against France in 1970, but has been out of the game for some time because of business commitments, reappears in the Richmond "A" side against a Wasps team. Also in the "A" team is England's are other Cardiff mar Under-23 prop forward, Oliphant.

Another familiar face appears in

A club's claim to greatness that

cannot be dismissed hastily centenary of this famous club, 15 worthy of the occasion: a much more ambitious project than toe usual run of club histories. There story, which is still rememt in Bristol as well as Newpo would have done the same

Which is the greatest rugby club on earth? A good many claims migot be put in. They have no doubt of the answer on Uskside. One hundred years of Newport has just been poblished to mark the club's centenary, tells you in the first paragraph, making no hones shout it.

Nor can the claim be dismissed hastly. Newport have had six unbeaten seasons, narrowly missing two more. They have provided international players for all four home countries (and for South Africa), including ken Jones, the Welshman most often capped, and Bryn Meredith, than whom only one Welsh forward has secured one Welsh forward has secured more caps. Newport have beaten South Africa (twice), Australia and New Zealand—they were the only team to beat the 1963 All Blacks. Once, against Bristol, they fielded a side entirely composed of inter-national players, with three more

of the game for some time because of husiness commitments, reappears in the Richmond "A side against a Wasps team. Also in the "A" team is England's Under 23 prop forward, Oliphant. Another familiar face appears in the Richmond MA." The Heavies". against Blackheath Blades. Keith Oxlee, who played 20 times for Sonth Africa in the sixties, appears in a side. The Old Whitgliftan team to meet Old Millibillians is: P. J. J. Sken: K. McCombie, B. P. Wordsworth. J. L. Cooke, R. D. C. Huster, N. J. Anderson, D. V. Malempre; T. Mason, A. Mason, D. J. Caygill, D. M. Scott, R. J. K. McIntosh, P. J. R. Chesterton, D. C. Hughes, M. J. F. Nash.

Richmond boys team

The Richmond schoolboys rught tam to meet London Scotnish schoolboys at Richmond on January 1 (ko 2.15) is:

R. Ravard Epson College: J. McDannell John Fisher School. J. Every 1. Colleges (Rossill John Fisher School. J. Every 1. McDannell John Fisher J

are nearly 300 pages, stornly bound and dust Jacketed in olack and amber. At £2.50, it is excellent value as book prices go. It contains an account of every season, with the number of appearances made each season by each player, and the result of every match Newport have played. There are Inevitably a few gaps and oueries in the early years but it is clear that much care bas gone into making the record as complete as possible. It is sao that the devoted author, Jack Davis of the South Wates Argus, died, at the age of 75, while the hook was in the

Apart from its value in the statisdelan and to the Newport enchuslast, the book has an appeal to anybody interested in rugby as Jack Davis always bad an eye for the significant moments, as well as the quirks, the odditics of the game. He throws light, for instance, on that complicated episode in the mid-twenties, when Wales wanted a new law to prohibit players advancing round the scrummage until the ball had been heeled. The International Board would have none of it, but the heeled. The International Board would bave none of it, but the WRFU inslited it should be applled to matches within their jurisdiction. Thus, when Lelcester, say, came to Newport they had to play under the Welsh law, but when Newport went to Leicester they had to accept the English version.

furnier than the story of the try scured by C. B. Cross in 18.7 against Rockleaze. Rockleaze I take against Rockleaze. Rockleaze I take to be another name for the Clifton club. The match was played on Clifton Downs, that high, windswept stretch of grass which looks across Bristol. There was no dead ball line: everything behind the goalposts and inside the corner flags was "in goal". Cross was chasing a kick abead; the wind caught the ball and pulled it away faster than he could run. He bad gone about 300 yards before the managed to touch it down on the brink of the terrifying clifts of the Avon Gorge. If you know Clifton Downs, It is easy to believe this

myself, chasing a ball for children on a blowy day, but n children on a down day, out a fully now the cliffs are fe Newport is a slightly perpliplace to the outsider, whether the Welsh or English. Although rugby cinb helped to founk WRFU, they had previously i the (Englisb) RFU, and to thi both. Occasionally this has b nuisance, but it gives the c special kind of independence continues to produce Engili-well as Welsh internation shall be surprised if Smart not get into the England side Newport is, above all, a b town. The Earl of Gloucester its castle in the 12th century ever since it bas been a pot centre for border battles. P who live in such places ter who live in such places ter draw into themselves, to re themselves, and a plague strangers. Although it was on the 19th century, when the spr waters of the Usk provided suseful outlet for the newly Welsh minerals, that Nebecame a large industrial something of that old feeling became a large industrial something of that old feeling sists; they are their own mer. This is not to say they inbospitable. Far, far from they have even the vaguest ory of your face in the Neclubhouse, you bave a gla your hand hefore you can the har. They value old fiships, even distant coes, instance, they played Watso for the first time in 1894, and will be playing them agains. will be playing them again December 27. So far Nethave won 60 matches, four been drawn, and Watsonians troo seven. As many as I people have been known to this match, even in receot I and not inst because the Walans' touch indge, with kilt, I offer a swig of the wine o country to a thirsty spectator I wish good luck to Newbor their next century, and thanks to the memory of Davis, and to the club, and Starling Press, for such a book; though I expect you to be a borderer (nor oecessar

Richmond decide to drop their former captain

London Scottish have adopted the practice already in force in Scotland of immediately suspend-ing any player who is sent off until he comes up before the county's disciplinary committee. In England at present it is up to the individual club whether it suspends a dismissed player until the disciplinary bearing,

Mr Eric Corben, a London Scot-ish spokesman, said: "This is an etrempt by the club to keep up a high standard of discipline, Wc want to be seen to be doing the right thing. We have had seven players sent off in the last two seasons. But this is not such a bad record when you consider the

club runs nine teams,"
John Raphael, the Northampton hooker, has withdrawn from Saturday's England trial at Twickenham. Raphael, a stadens at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dub-

lin. was named among the substi-tutes but be is to assist his Dubtutes but be is to assist his Dublin club. Becuve Rangers, who play their Leinster sendor league final on the same day. Raphael played in last Saturday's trial at Headingley for the Midlands against the North.

Richmond, the top club in London after their victory over Rossiva Park last week, drop their former captain, James, for the visit of Blackheath to Richmond Athletic ground. His place goes to Ridley, who packs down in the second row alongside Nigel Gilfingham, a Loughborough Colleges student, who gets his first Gillingham, a Loughborough Colleges student, who gets his first game of the season because Ralston is in the England trial. Merrick, on leave from the Royal Navy, returns for his first match since the beginning of the season.

Groves, who was a late replacement last week on the Blackheath

wing and scored two tries, retains his place in the side.

London Welsh are unchanged for the visit of Cardiff to old Deer Park. This means that Roberts again leads the side because Geoff Evans's knee injury, which kepf him out of the game with London Irish last week, has not cleared up. Evans hopes to be fit for the match at Lianelli on Boxing Day. Howcroft continues to deputize. Three backs make their first Three backs make their first appearances of the season for Wasps at Northampton, Damon and Stuart come in for Cambridge and Bell, who are not available, while

at centre and wing respectively Warby replaces Gwyn Jones at stand-off. Shortland comes in for Adam, who is away on business, ut Gordon Wood, the Cambridge game of the season after sli University and England under 23 a disc in the summer. He rewing, returns to the Harlequins Burrell.

side against Newport at the 5 Memorial Ground on Satu-He replaces Kelth Jenkins. W. Cambridge colleague Steve mann moves from lock to the in place of Howard and P comes in to partner Whi The Australian No 8 McLes dropped and replaced by Kirk The Saracens full back He who came in for Hawkins ag old Merchant Taylors' last v keeps bis place for the vis. Abertillery to Sootbgate. Havis out with sinus trouble. It pack. Holden returns at loc place of Morris. George Stevenson makes comeback for London Scottis Birkenbead Park on Saturday. full back plays his first s game of the season after slip

Squash rackets

Ayton and Verow deserve qualified praise

By Rex Bellamy

It is no good pretending that Philip Ayton and Peter Verow, of Britain, can be backed with any confidence againsf Mohibullah Khan and Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) respectively in the semi-final round of the British amateur squash rackets championship et Wembley today. But it is much to their credit that both have reached the last four for the first mach, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Hall will be the British under 19 champlonship, sponsored by Falcon Inns, from December 27 to 30. This is part of the network of age-group excepted the last four for the first mach, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Hall will be the British under 19 champlonship that their interpational match between Britain and Pakistan at the new Brandon Bail Club, near Coventry on Monday. The teams will be the first match, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Bail Club, near Coventry on Monday. The teams will be the same as those who contested the first match, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Hall will be the Same as those who contested the first match, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Hall will be the Same as those who contested the first match, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Bail Club, near Coventry on Monday. The teams will be the same as those who contested the first match, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Hall will be the British under 19 champles with a support of the pakistan at the new and theur interpational match between the new work at the new at those who contested the first match, which Pakistan at the new and those who contested the first match, which Pakistan won 3—1 at Stockion. The next important event at Brandon Hall will be the British under 19 champles at the new and those who contested the first match, which Pakistan at the new work at the new wor time. Not since 1968, when the overseas challenge did not amount to much, have two British players remained in the running at this stage of the tournament.

Of the men who have contested the semi-final round in the five intervening championships, seven have since become professionals and three others did not play this time. So the level of competition has declined, as was embarrassingly evident in the third round in particular. But on Tuesday Ayton peppered the ulck with a brilliant blend of the long and short games in disposing of Mohamed Saleem in straight games: and Verow's advance must be measured against the fact that he is only 21 and has been inhibited by a large and masty hurst blister on the ball of

The fact remains that so fur this has hardly been a memorable players as Mohibuliah and Zaman and such administrators as Tony Gathercole (borrowed Slazenger) has only thinly disguised the inexperience of many relative newcomers to such an occasion, both on and off court. All have had difficulty in edjust-

An have had curriculty in enjusting to an unfamiliar environment at the new Wembley Squash Centre. But the lessons learnt from this first big event to be played there should lead to rapid improvements as the season

progresses.
The four men in action today

Coach two years ago.
In addition to the established In addition to the established teenage tournaments for the Dryadale Cup (under-19) and the Evans Cup (under-16) there are now three official Squash Rackets Association championships: the under-19 event, which is in its second year, and new championships for players under 14 (sponsored by Darbrook, a sports goods company) and under 23. Both sexes will be involved in the under-23 tournament, which alms to help British players Iwho mature later than most of their leading rivals) to bridge the gap betwen age-group and senior competition. The women also have their own under-19 championship, sponsored by Grays.

When Swift became Britain's first national coach, he set to work on a development plan that, among other things, stressed the

"The idea was to get something off the ground for juniors. On the competitive side it was important to get SRA national junior championships recognized, as part of the build-up for the junior development scheme."

among other things, stressed the need for earlier and more intensive competition. The new series of champinuships, together with nine regional tournaments (which began yesterday) in similar age groups, has established the framework—and a guide to form in selecting a team to take part in the annual juntor international festival. Mr Swift said yesterday:

The future of the British game looks rosier than its present. But it would be a pleasant surprise if Ayron and Verow, investment analyst and medical student, could make that sound pessimistic.

I Hockey

London University sharpe and in better heart

By Sydney Friskin
London University 2 Army 0
Life's vicissitudes must surely
bave been forgotten by the small
crowd that watched this enjoy. eble hockey match at Motspur Park yesterday. In a relaxed apirit of give and take, Londoo University scored twice against the University scored twice against the Army and held their advantage with a fair degree of comfort.

London looked much sharper than they had been for some dime. After a long lean spell, they beat Reading in the London League last Saturday and that victory seemed to have put them in better beart. Their early offensive paid them rich dividends yesterday.

In spite of being without Raumann and Kirk-Smith, London's four-man attack, inspired mainly

mann and Kirk-Smith, London's four-man attack, inspired mainly by the unremitting zeal of Dunkerley, moved in high gear, passing and repassing in fine style. The Army must bave been a little disappointed at both their display and the result. They had done well to draw 2—2 with Hampshire and had stood up well to Southgate, although they lost 4—2. Their own three-man defensive system seemed to have been dissystem seemed to have been dis-organized in the early minutes by Kullar's stickwork and accelera-

tion. Goodwin was the most stable of the Army's defenders, having had the experience of playing for Combined Services in the divisional tournament at Derby. Moss, in goal, made a number of smart saves. Jarrett-kerr was outstanding in the middle and Marsh the most resourceful of their forwards.

The Army's early nocertainty in

wards.

The Army's early nucertainty in defence cost them dearly when London scored in the eleventh minute. In fact, when Pennypicked up a centre from the right and scored there was no one within five yards of him. The Army hit back by forcing a lung corner from which Stamp's short was well saved by Smith.

Another snell of London assess. Another spell of London ascendancy culminated in a goal from a short coroer by Phoenix in the nioeteenth minute, the ball reaching its desiration via the goal-keeper's pads.

The first half ended with Lon-

don wasting three short cor in a torrid four-minute spell, which the Army reorganized team with Dewar coming in Stamp in the forward line Ssudy replacing Goodwin in back division. But although the Army lo more assured after the into they could not underwise they could not undermine confidence of London who at confidence of London who at stage earned four abort coin almost as injury minutes.

London University: 9.

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The players who will represent the players who will represent the transport of the property of 17 has selected for two internations and all hut one them will go to Kuala Lump The odd man out will be aske keep himself in full training David Owen (Southgate) and Pinks (Guildford) as reserves.

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Rowing

Sponsors sought for 1975 national championships

By Jim Railton

The future of the British national rowing championships will be an-Stephenson had a double lam Boy and Geenada. Since the inaugural chambon, ridden by Tommy ode away from the oppowin the first division of fiam Novices' Hurdle by table eight lengths from valk.

A was another smooth of Stephenson in the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) council at their quarterly meeting last Tuesday were asked to underwrite langths. Stephenson said:

A first an appeal by John Stephenson said:

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year's evenf will be doubled (£1 to £2) to relieve the financial position.
But to maintain the promotional standards of the event, a further £1,500 is still needed for the 1975

But there are some rays of bops still for assisting the Royal Regatta's financial position. A boat festival is—subject to plancing permission—likely to take place on the regatta land in 1975 from May 15 to 26, which should realize more income for the regatta. More revenue, too, is likely to be raised in pooling resources with Leander Club. Mr Garton was quick, too, to point out the perils of sports tied to spousorship, and the perils resulting from the withdrawal this year of the British rowing select to result of the British rowing select board, and a winner of the selected. £3m from British sport. Among the amendments and new rules introduced for Henley next year were an increase in entry fees (likely to raise an addientry fees (likely to raise an additional fl.100) and restrictions on the quality of entry for the already over-subscribed Wyfold and Britannia. In these two

been elected. They are P. R.

board, and a winner of na events at Henley), D. A. Ch (editor in chief of the Press A: ckellon), and W. H. Perry (pr dent of the American Natio Association of Amareur Carsus Mr Perry is the first oversea outside the Commonwealth—st ard to be elected.

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year with Ernie Wiltshire, has now saddled five winners this sea-son from his small string of 15 sechase horses. Appliony Watt

League Cup Chester (0) 1 Newcostie II (0) 0 James Winners meet Aston Villa in semi-final round.

Rugby Union

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Lendon University 2. Army 0: United College Hospitals 1, Kingston 0.

by three lengths, Stephenson said:
"Geenada is certain to make a
useful chaser. He might have one
more race over hurdles before
tackling fences."

certain after 1975 unless financial support through sponsorship is

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ing Correspondent

I their meeting in Londoo last
k the Jockey Club approved
r stewards' proposals to lift
notes affecting the names of
am his races, notably the King
nge VI and the Quoen Elizabeth
es at Ascot in July and the
tenham Gold Cup and ChamHerdle, both run at Cheltenle March. Hitherto sponsors
not heen permitted to include
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been felt that they are no
er in a position to be able in
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the future ooly the five tics will remain aloof, so to k. Douhtless the stewards are ng that they will be able to ito the values of thise races oot having to resort to sorship. Time alone will tell with 1 days say that when the bugh I daresay that when the ch comes the Lery Board it to be able to step into the ch to prevent the 2,000 Guineas

ch to preveet the 2,000 Guineas are Derby being sponsored by and such a group. It King George Vf and the m Elizaheth Stakes; the tenham Gold Cup and the mpion Hurdle are currently sored by De Beers; Piper Isieck and Lloyds Bank, Yesterit was said that Lloyds Bank may not ask to include their e io the Champion Hurdle. In they already sponsor the

Veight in

ie smallest field of several s at Southwell today, starting

an hour earlier hecause of a

an hour earlier hecause of a division, might provide the string in the five ers for the Christmas Tree dicap Steeplechase. In select-Prince Vision to win I am e of Sidney Palmer's locally led Goldy's Boy and of Ron. Both have won over the p turning left-handed courseince Vision finished last seawith two victories and be

ince Vision Buisbed last sea-with two victories and be peared at Wolverhampton by four weeks ago to win hy n lengths. He looked that day the backward for be had not for six months and be drifted he market from 5-2 to 5-1. But gave Michael Dickinson a care-e ride and improvement can be retied.

Vith 10st 111b be bas 21b more n he carried at Wolverhampton, on this mark be should he too

a, who on their last appeares finished third and first

pectively at Southwell on tember 2. Ronanna thed re-

bmand, ilver Bing, penalized SIb, also at the Southwell meeting early December, and be produced ugh speed on the run in to

t his race by one length and a f, and he looks sore to go close

another course victory in the istmas Cake Handicap Hurdle.

ristmas Cake Handicap Hurdle, suggested some days ago that rin Blackshaw, who rides yal Whistler in the Christmas x Hurdle, had an excellent ince on Friday in a £3,000 ridle race at Kagnes-sur-Mer on: Polish-bred four-year-old kard ("One of the best inpers I have ridden"), and he swered a frantic SOS from the ench trainer, M Pozeril, to fly the sooth of France to partner in.

Plans were changed and the

Plans were changed and the rse was declared to run on esday for the principal prize, d Blackshaw left a sick-bed at alton to get himself to London d fly to Nice at 11 am in dime take the mount. He finished ird and objected on the grounds at the two French jockeys in one of him had taken his ground. Talk ahout a rough ride ", he ld me yesterday. But the French ewerds sustained bis objection, straoge event perhaps in view a certain frigidity tha French roly to our jockeys, and be manged to get back to Heathrow ose to midnight, after changing anes and a long delay in Paris. If this is not trying, I do not have the reserved as

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a balf ahead of Goldy's Boy,
might well have won the race
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the inclusion of the word diamond could cause offence.

De Beers first sponsored what has oow become knowo as diamond day io 1972 and until now not a few bave been of the opinion that they have not managed to achieve the full value for their sponsorship. Yet during the comparatively short time that they have been associated with the race it has been won by Brigadler Gerard and then on two occasions by the great filly, Dahlia. It would be nice to think that Allez France will be sent to Ascot oext year to try to win it. Yesterday De Beers said that they are marking the inclusion of the word diamond in the title of the race by agreeing to sponsor it for another three years.

It was at a dinner given earlless.

to sponsor it for another three years.

It was at a dinner given earlier this year to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Cheltenham Gold Cup that we heard the news that Piper Heldsicck had also guaranteed to support their race for a further three years. Next year it will ha more valumble than it has ever heen before hecause Piper Heldsick and the Cheltenham racocourse company have each agreed to put up an additional £2,000, thus increasing the added money to £25,000. The race is to be remained the Cheltenham Piper Champagne Gold Cup. Personally it hink we could do without the word Cheltenham heing attached because most people know that the race is rum at Cheltenham.

On a more humble plane the may not ask to include their e io the Champioo Hurdle. In they already sponsor the ds Bonk Hurdle—the premier t for stayers—on the same noon as the Champion Hurdle, both Oe Beers and Piper Heid; are taking up their option. was announced yesterday that Qoeen has consented to the i diamond heing added to the trace which will he known in as the King George VI and Qoeen Elizaheth Diamond es. This i feel is the perfect promise hecause so often ionds are associated with lty on glittering occasions. It id be difficult to believe that

Folkestone programme

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£473: 3m)

9-4 Colden Berman, 11-4 Arctic Amoroso, 7 Watch Nighl, 10-1 Muckden Rock, 16-1 others.

12.45 SELLINDGE HURDLE (£392 : 2m 200yd)

5-2 High Haller, 100-30 Tudor Friendship, 4-1 Arty Crafty. Unknown Warrior, 10-1 Royal Hato, 14-1 Landpot, 20-1 others.

1.15 HAWKINGE HURBLE (Div I: £355: 23m)

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Stonebridge Lane (A. Noeves). Neeves. 3-12-1.
Tedor Friendship (A. Ayıgil). Ayılott. 7-12-1.
Unknown Warrior (Mrs Miller). R. Miller, 5-12-1.
Arty Grafty | Mrs Weiham, R. Haad. B-11-8.
Riyal Sherry (S. Anderson). L. Holl. 5-11-8.
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Aberlassio (L. Tattersallt, R. Blakeney, 3-10-3.
The Green Rose 1 Mrs Creen, R. Blakeney, 3-10-3.
Nenry Nortaman (D. Hill). P. Haslam, 3-10-3.
Royal Neto (Mrs Winton). M. Bolioe, 3-10-3.
Ryarsh (R. Lindam). Supple. 3-10-3.
Skydoza (A. D'Morlas). P. Haslam, 3-10-3.
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3-31 Bourouki IA, Sebag-Monteflores, Mies Sincialr, 5-12-6

1.45 WHITELAW GOLD CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap

14-4301 King Flome (D) (Ld Head). R. Head. 8-11-8 ... J. Francome 432122 Golden Batman (D) (A. Hartnell). Hartnell, 13-11-4 ... A. Turneu 10p-021 Arcike Amerose (Mrs. Dilver). J. Gillord. 7-11-3 ... M. Gillord. 21440p Saint All (D) (L. Boatsan). E. McNelly. (D-10-5 ... R. Aktnas 381-3 Watch Niepla (B. Martin). R. Wall, 7-10-3 ... P. Brickley Opo0-se (Ch. con (D) (Mrs. Rigley). G. Ricky. 10-10-0 ... P. Brickley (Ch. con (D) (Mrs. Rigley). G. Ricky. 10-10-0 ... N. Falansan 3 Watch River (Mrs. Bader). K. Ivory. 9-10-0 ... F. Falansan 3 Ginjen (D) (Mrs. Browning). D. Browning, 8-10-0 M. Stanley o 00-n1if Terry Rogers (A. Holder). A. Moore. 6-10-0 ... G. Read. 41p42-9 Another Fiddle (D) (A. Negves). Negves, 10-10-0 Goldsworthy 7

2.15 SHADDOXHURST HURDLE (Handicap: £560: 21m)

2.45 ALDINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £452: 2m 100yd) 2.45 ALDINGTUN STEEDS LIFE LIFE BUTTEN, Thomson Jones, 6-11-12

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By Our Recing Correspondent

12.45 Arty Crafty. 1.15 Bouzouki, 1.45 King Flame. 2.15 Wild Pirate.

2.45 Indian Cottage. 3.15 inventory.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.45 French Society. 3.15 General Ginger Nut.

2 3313-12 Indian Gottage (G1 (Miss Jemeson), 8. Woodman, 10-11

3.15 HAWKINGE HURDLE (Div II : £346 : 24m)

Folkestone selections

Southwell selections

Towcester results

the Miller. By Our Newmarker Correspondent 12.0 Stemic. 12.30 Summer Serenade.

12.50 (12.51) CARMEL NURDLE (\$258: 2m)

1.00 (1.0) MENLO PARK STESPLE-CNASE (Handicap: 25T4: 3m 190yd)

1.30 (1.30) SNARDN NURDLE (Nan-dicap: £374; 2m)

dicap: £374; 2m;
Tip Tha Wink, b or br c, by Tlepolo
Il—Lavarna , Mr M. Simmonds;
4-11-12
Filmistona, c bc, by Mossbarough—
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Medis; 4-10-5 Soane (6-4 Tay)

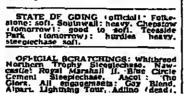
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npinion of King Flame who was a good burdier but who has taken rather looger than originally acticipated to adapt to steeplechasing. However it was impossible to fault him whan he won his latest race at Nottingham. Arctic Amoroso beat Dream late decisively at Huotingdon but he bas little or nothing lo hand of Muckden Rock, If they are judged on their race at Folkestone in November.

Arty Crafty could be another winner for Head and his triented young lockey John Fraocome. He runs in the Scilindge Seiling Hurdle. Bouzouki, none the worse obviously for his race on Tuesday at Plumpton, where he beat Miller Boy by six lengths, nurus out again for the first division of the Hawkinge Novices Hurdle. China Bank, a decent stayer on the flat, ran well enough in three of her four races under National Hunt rules last winter to suggest that she ought to be capable of making a race of it with Bouzoeki. The other division may be won by Inventory who won the Newbury Antumn Cup in September, but I am far from convinced that he has taken to burdling and would be loth to have a halpenny on him. Indian Cottage, bearen a neck by Garnishee at Sandown Park last mouth is my selection for the Aldington Handicap Steeplechase. He was, admittedly, receiving 2016 from Garnishee but on the other hand the knowledge that Garnishee has won the Massey Ferguson Gold Cup at Cheltenham in the meanome does much to inject goodness luto the form and I think that Indian Cottage ought to be able to win a race of this nature carrying 11st, receiving as he does 12th from Garnishee's rather dispointing stable companion, French Society.





Tip The Wink, winner of the Sharon Hurdle, leads the field

Captain Clover sails through

Captain Clover reveiled in the mnd to win the Menlo Park Novices' Handicap Steeplechase at Towcester yesterday. The four-year-old provided the 25-year-old jockey, Noel Flanagan, with his front of the top weight length in first winner as stable jockey to Monty Stevens, a position he took up about a month ago. Flanagan has now had 28 steeplechase winners, seven this season, added to which be had a success on the flat, when be sent on 29 winners from 33 borses. Jobn Francome brooght his seasoo's total to 23

favourite, indian Red.

So Stevens recorded his sixth success of the season. This followed a good season on the flat, when be sent ont 29 winners from 33 borses. John Francome brought his season's total to 23 wheo scoring a 23-1 double on Tip The Wink and Arne Folly.

Tip The Wink made every yard of the running in the Sharon Handican Hurdle. flat.

Fianagan went to scale at 10st wheo scoring a 23-1 and was unable to "claim" his three pounds on Captain Clover.

Who, after racing for the lead for who, after racing for the lead for a long way with Cekic View, took Handicap Hurdle.

Southwell programme

12.0 CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (Div II: Part I: 3-y-n: £170:



3-1 Beer and Skittlee, 7-2 Bell-Amys, 5-1 The Drandson, 13-2 Nicky's Mac T-1 Sheba'k Land, 9-1 Gay Reform, 12-1 Peinlad Sty, 14-1 others. 1.0 CHRISTMAS BOX BURDLE (£317 : 2m) 1 003002 Last Attempt (0) (B. Hobson), B. Rithmond. 4-11-1



1.30 CHRISTMAS STOCKING STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £272: 3m 110yds)

3 170-063 Christmes Tree (B. Oliveri, D. Nichelsen, 6-11-9 ... Mr Wilson 3 11324- Redcoal 1M. Modley) P. Balloy, 7-11-2 ... G. McNaity 0 070-264 Rampamen (GD) 1J. Rosel, J. Harris, 10-11-1 ... J. Clovar 10 07-0924 Salson (G. Pykorti, S. Cole, 8-10-6 ... R. Evans 14-044 Dad's Led (CD) (Mrs Shephard), R. E. Peacock, 11-10-6 Crank 13 030ppp Tangars (G. Findlay), A. Goodwill, 6-10-0 ... Walkinson

CHRISTMAS TREE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £272 2m 74yds) 42711-1 Primer Vision (W. Wright), A. Dickinson, 7-10-11 , M. Dickinson, 000413 Goldy's Boy (CO) 13. Roset 3. Palmer, 8-10-6 ... R. Such Richard Courses (CD) 13. Remember 15. Cambidge, 7-10-6 ... R. Evens Courses (Wisky Dawer (W. Harry), W. Herdy Dickinsond, 11-10-0 S. Tajind Ocadol-

13-8 Prince Vision, 2-1 Ronanna, 7-2 Goldy'e Boy, 5-1 Whitey Dewar, 10-Blankney Lad. 2.30 CHRISTMAS CAKE HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 21m) | CHRISTMAS CARE HURDLE (Handicap: 12/2: 2gm) | 1213- Full Seard + B. Boullwood: R. Edwards -6-12-7 ... W. Nugher 7 | 2-0707 | Probair (CD) 11. Scotti | T. Corrio, 7-11-11 ... P. Russell | 220000 | Probair (CD) 11. Scotti | T. Corrio, 7-11-11 ... B. Perloy 3 | 220400 | Probair (CD) | Probai 3-1 Silver Bing, 4-1 Full Board, 9-2 Light Master, 11-2 Piotair, 8-1 Strong Challenger, Master Biarney, 10-1 Current Folly, 12-1 others.

3.0 CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (Div II: Part II: 3-y-o £170:

300 Polly Rocket (M. Thorne). Thorne. 12-8 Mr. King 7
0 All Cash (T. Carris). Corris. 10-12 R. Oding
640 Sasussidus (R. Keel). B. Cambidges 10-12 F. Frickher
2 Sanger Ridge (A. Cassolt). C. Vergerts, 10-12 R. R. Frickher
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6 Sanger Ridge (R. MacLood). O. Monsa, 10-12 R. Barry
6 Sanger (R. Cameron). A. Bastman, 10-12 G. Crillin
Springer Sanger (Miss Rutter). E. Nagner, 10-12 Mr. Cray 3
(0 Traction (Y. Waller). P. Nilthell, 10-13 R. Hoghes 7-1 Polly Rocket, 9-4 Mick The Miller, 7-2 All Cash, 6-1 Bluc Ridga, 8-1 Gris MU. 13-1 others.

By Our Racing Staff 12.0 Balanair, 12.30 The Grandaon, 1.0 Naval Whistler, 1.30 Dad's Lad. 2.0 Prince Vision is specially recommended, 2.30 Silver Bing, 3.0 Mick Shally (Mrs L. Prior), 4-11-0 Shally (Mrs L. Prior), 4-11-0 A. Turnell 115-2) 2 Simbashi, b b, by Pinza-Julic French (Mr B. Rice', 5-11-4 Mr G. Saunders 114-1, 3 M. Biophera (2-1 lav) 1 Davis—Gree, br h, by Banniny Davis—Give Crove IMF K. Tullochi, 8-10-5 A. McManos (16-1) Night Skite, b g, by Midsummer Night I—ice Carnival 1817 W. Robsoo. 9-10-0 P. Salman (4-1) 3

CHASE (Nambdap: EA79: 2m Soyd)

Arms Polly, ch. o. by Rose Kright—
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11-10-3 (Silver) IMT N. Jamesi.
11-10-3 (J. 1-10-3)
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Shorm—Greenogan (Mr. J.
Murdochi. 6-11-10
B. R. Davies (11-8 lav)
Mastar Ciive, b. g. by Three
Narscahoos—Rard Style (Mr. B.
Alson RAN: 3-1 Searra Pashs (4th).
6-1 Lictor. 33-1 Boms Surprise.
Pangeno. 7 ran.
10-12: Win. 199: places. 170, 139
could lorecast. 230. E. Chammeres.

3-1 Searra Pashs (11-1)
Lambourn. ol. 31.

5-0 (3.0) NORTHAMPTON NURDLE
10-14 (1-12) DANBY STEEPLECHASE
11-15 (1,12) DANBY STEEPLECHASE
11-16 (1,12) DANBY STEEPLECHASE
11-16

TOTE DOUBLE: Tip the Wink. Armo Folly. £12.45. TREBLE: Captile Glover. Voyatle. Pampered Miss. £4.65.

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Dawsoni, 3-11-11
P. Manean (12-1) 2
Navor Thore, up 9, by Galeousis—
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L. tryingi, 4-11-0
Rarmas 120-1: 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 ras Cay Kempley.
3-1 New Winc, 3-1 Acid Drop, 10-1
Litus Spice, Tressure Chart, 12-1
Sallor Dam (401), 20-1 Losi Asproach. ALSO RAN: 6-1 Paradia (4th), 10-1 Gormoor Maid, 11-1 I Like II, Toughia, 13-1 Lord Street, 33-1 Goldon Idol, Moo Six, Baron Angrum, 11 ran. TOTE: Win, £1.34; places, 34g, 45g, 35p; dual lorecast, £11.35. J. Howie, at Northoperton, 5t, 5t. TUTE: Win. 49p: places, 16p, 70c. 14g. K. Sulion, at Maipas. Nk. 16l. Cork Tip was withdrawn, not under starter's graders. 1.45 (1.50) STREETHAM NUROLE (11v 1 2304: 2m)

Newcombe makes light of Dibley's service

Tennis

Sydney, Dec 1g.—John Newcombe, the top seed, who is battling to reach peak fitness tor next week's Australian tenms champlonships, easily reached the last eight in the New South Wales state tournament here today.

The 30-year-old former Wimbledon champlon has been running up steep hills here this week to shed excess weight. Today, be made light of Colin Dibley's booming service to win an all-Australian third-round match by 5—4, 5—3. In the quarter-final round Newcombe will meet the eighth seed, Philip Dent, of Australia.

Another Australian, the 40-year-

round Newcombe will meet the eighth seed, Philip Dent, of Australia.

Aoother Australian, the 40-year-old Ken Rosewall, the No 2 seed, won a tough third-round match against the American, Grover Reid, 7—6, 4—6, 6—2. He nook the first set after tralling 6—i in the fe-break. "It's not often you win a tie-break from that far behind", B relieved Rosewall said later. "I was resigned to losing the set and preparing myself for the second."

Rosewall, who admitted he was not happy with some of his sbots loday, plays fellow-Australian Toury Roche, in the quarter-final round.

Like Rosewall, the third seed. Alex Metreveli, of the Soviet Umon, also bad a hard match before reaching the last eight. He needed three sets to dispose of an American, Alichjel Macbette, 6—4, 1—6, 6—3 and qualify for a quarter-final round:

Metrevell (USSR), beat N. Macheite (USSR), see the N. Macheite (USSR), beat N. Ma

Mrs Court is surprise top seed

Melbourne, Dec 18.-Margaret Melbourne, Dec. 18.—Margaret Court is the surprise top seed for the Australian tennis champlon-ships which start here on December 26. It will be only the fourth tournament Mrs Court bas played in since a 12-month lay-off during which her second child was born. She won the West Australian title in Perth on Sunday and is No 3 seed in the New South Wales champlonships which are currently being played. The Russian Olga Morozova is second seed and Evonne Coolagong of Australia third.

The Wimbledon champion James Connors, the defending champion, is the top men's seed ahead of Australia's John Newcombe. Seed-

ings:
MEN: 1, J. Connors (US): 2,
J. Newcombe; 3, A. Metrevell
(USSR); 4. R. Case; 5, J. Alexander; 6, A. Roche; 7, G.
Masters; 8, P. Oent. Masters; R. P. Oent.
WOMEN: 1, M. Court; 2, O.
Morozova (USSR); 3, E. Goolsgong; 4, K. Melville; 5, H. Gouriay; 6, K. Sawamatsu (Jepan); 7,
D. Fromholtz; 8, M. Navraniova
(Czechoslovakia).—Reuter.

MIAM! BEAGN: Under-la leam lournamant: Caffle beal lialy; Brazil beat France: United States beat Peru: Arganitian beat France: United States beat Peru: South Airtca; Spain beat Mexico.

CAPE TOWN: Western Prevince chamolouships: Mcn's atingles; Fourth round: F. Van Der Merwa 1SA; beat L. Marry 1USA 4—6, 6—6, 6—1. Marry 1USA 4—6, 6—1. Marry 1USA 4—6, 6—1. Film round: A. Nashy 1US beat A. Fawcrit (Rhodresha), 7—6, 6—0; P. Cramer (SA) beat R. McKee 1US1, 6—4. Mashy 1US; beat A. Fawcrit (Rhodresha), 7—6, 6—0; P. Cramer (SA) beat R. McKee 1US1, 6—4. Mashy 1US; beat McKee 1US1, 6—4. Money 1 Money 1 Mastralia. 6—1. G. Dowdeswall (SA) beat P. Campbell Australia. 6—1. G. 6—7. Miss S. Simmonds Sa) 6—0. 6—1: Miss S. Simmonds Sa) 6—0. 6—1: Miss S. Simmonds Sa) 6—0. 6—1: Miss S. Walsh 1US; beat Miss L. Tenney 1US; beat Miss A. Coe (GB), 6—2. 6—2.

Table tennis

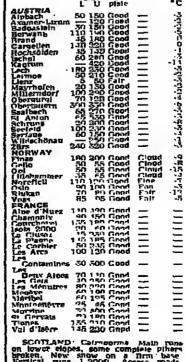
Chinese will play

against England
The Chinese table tennis team,
who will compete in the international event, sponsored by the Norwich Umon, at Brighton on January 9 to 11, will also play two International matches against

England.

The first is at Thornahy on January 3 and the second at Crystal Palace on January 7. They will also play in the Cieveland three star event on January 4 and 5.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruine 5. Allenia Flames 3: 51 Louis Bloss R. New York Islanders 4: Vencouver Canucks 3, Washington Capitols 2.

Ice bockey

Cricket

Amiss sure to return for Adelaide match

Cricket Correspondent Perth, Dec 18 if only this or if only that. It has been that kind of day for the England touring team, thinking of what should have been and regreting what is. Some of them practised this morning, including Amiss, who is sure to return to the side against South Australia in Adelaide on Saturday, and Edrich, who had to give up after 10 minutes because of his damaged hand.

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Australia, meanwhile, announced that the same 12 players will go to Melhourne for the next Test match as were on duty fer the one which finished here yesterday; the 11 who won, that la, together with Jenner, the leg spin bowler, who played in the first Test in Brishane. It was thought that Wally Edwards might be dropped and McCosker, of Now South Wales, hrought in, but the side who won here will probably play again in Melhourne, and no one can complain about that. They hatted, hnwled aod fielded better than England.

1 asked Bill Lawry on Tuesday if he missed playing Test cricket. "Not any more", he said, "excopt that I'd like to have the chance of captaining those two out there". By whom, of course, he meant Thomson and Liliee. He was specking as someone who

he meant Thomson and Liliee. He was speaking as someone who never bad a pair of fast howlers to manouvre.

Fast bowlers have always worked better in pairs. Think of Gregory and McDonald, Larwood and Voce, Lindwall and Killer, Heine and Adcock, Statham and Traon, Trueman and Statham, Hall and Grifith. When a captain has two fith. When a captain has two of this quality on his side he can keep up the pressure. On

his nwn in this series Lillee would have come nowhere dear to winning a Test match for Aostralia. He is a good foil, though, for Thomson.

The Australian team for the third Test in Melhourne from December 26 to 31 is:

TEAM: I. M. Chappell (South Australia, captain), I. R. Redpath (Victorial, G. S. Chappell (Queenslaod), R. Edwards (Western Australia), W. J. Edwards (Western Australia), D. K. Lillee (Western Australia), D. K. Lillee (Western Australia), A. A. Mallett (South Australia), J. R. Thomsoo (Queensland), M. H. N. Walker (Victoria), K. O. Walters (New South Weles).—Reuter.

Perth, Dec 18.—Australia's new

(New South Wales).—Reuter.

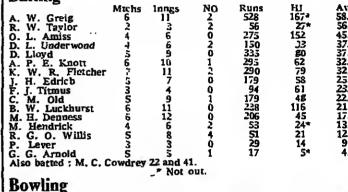
Perth, Dec 18.—Australia's new fast bowler, Thomson, wants it known he is not a gorrilla of the cricket field insensitive to the injuries be causes batsmen. He says he is a pretty quiet fellow undeserving of his reputation as "the wild man of cricket".

"I don't try to bit batsmen and when I do hit them I worry that they are all right", Thomson sald after wrecking Eegland's hatting in the first two Tests, in which he has taken 16 wickets and helped give Australia a commanding 2—0 lead in the six-Test series for the

lead in the six-Test series for the Ashes.

Le broke Amiss's thumb and Edrich's hand in the first Test in Brisbane. Then in the second test in Perth be hadly hruised Luckburst's band and forced Lloyd to retire temporarily after being felled by a ball to the plt of the stomach. Thomson said after his latest triumpb: "Wheo I saw Lloyd go down I was worried. It wasn't my fault, but nobody likes to get bu where he copped it."—Reuter.

MCC first-class tour averages **Batting**



L. Underwood
G. D. Willis
M. Old
J. Titmus
W. Greis
G. Arnold A. W. Greig 170.1 G. G. Arnold 135.2 P. Lever 89.7 Also bowled : Fletcher, 1—0—

Key match in colts division involves two left-handers

By Our Rackets Correspondent
Clifton and Malvern placed two
boys, Eton. Halleyhury, Harrow
and Marlborough one each in the
last eight of the colts division of the schools rackers' championships at the Queen's Club yesterday. The only winner in difficulties was the left-handed A. J. B. McOonald Malvern, the third seed.

McDonald, after losing two points for the first page 100. R. M. Tindall (Harrow). The last named pair are left handers and their meeding could prove to be a key one. The tall Tindall was aggressive The tall Tindail was aggressive against his fellow Harrovian G. A. J. de Lothmiere. Rosser was thoroughly competent against S. J. Lillyman (Marlhorough) who worked hard enough to deserve more than five points.

Col. S' SiNGLES: Third round A. W. L. Waistonhaime (Malvern) beat O. F. C. Faber (Elon), 18—16, 18—16, 18—10, 19—18, 18—16, 18—18, 18— McDonald. after losing two points for the first game, eventually beat another left hander, P. E. S. Wallis 1Haileybury, hy 16—17, 15—10, 15—3, and it could he that his equipolse was disturbed by the fact that he had heen close to a homb the previous evening. His usually neat and fluent game trembled.

Wallis, had he been a sbade more consistent, might bave got away with the match. He returned a lot of surprising sbots but missed a bost of easier ones, especially while taking service. Neither player was a strong server though hoth won many points from it.

though both won many points from it.

The question now arises as to who will challenge H. R. Murray-Philipsoo (Eton) in the top half of the draw; McOonald, T. M. Capes (Clifton), or R. M. Gradon (Haileyhury). The latter, too, won their matches in two games with out really being forced to show how strong they are whoo the ball comes back faster and more frequently. In the lower balf O. K. Watson 5, 15 - 3. J.

C. A. J. F. J. Rosser (Malvern)
beni S. J. Lillyman (Mariborough);
15-1: 5-1:
LEVEL SINGLES (Renny Cum); First
round; R. D. L. Spring (Mariborough)
beal J. W. H. Evans (Tonbridge); 158, 16-8 M. B. H. Erans (Tonbridge);
Feel J. C. Bayne-Jardine (Cilfon), 15
-R. 15-8 M. B. J. Crowe (Tonbridge)
beal R. H. Waskaly Nalleybury, 15beal S. F. E. Keys (Malvern); 15beal S. J. P. R. Thorn (Gillion) beal
A. P. Schweitzer (Charterhouse), 15-

American dashes Italian hopes of a double

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, Dec 18.—Skiling the way that has made lum current world champion, Italy's Pierino Gros today avenged his defeat in yesterday's slalom with a hrilliant win in the World Cup giant slalom here. Crouching low and attacking all the way, the 19-year-old Gros covered the two legs of the 1,480-metre course with 65 gates and a 323-metre drop in a total of 3mio 05.38sec.

Second was 21-year-old Gregory Jones, of the United States, who covered the course in 1ntln 51.51sec In the second rio after lying seventh after the first. His total was 3min 06.08sec. "After the first run 1 thought 1 had a chance and I felt really good on the starting gate for the second", Jones's feat in heading the second leg placings came just as the crowd were whooping with joy at what they thought was an Italian "double"—Gros in first place and Tino Pletrogiovanna in Second. GIANI SLALOM: 1. P. Cros Italy: 1. Place 2. In the 32.71sec: 3min 34.88sec. In the 32.71sec: 3min 34.88sec. In the 32.71sec: 3min 34.88sec. In the 32.71sec: 3min 31.44sec. In the 32.71sec: 3min 32.44sec. In the 32.71sec: 3min 34.88sec. In

Identical defeat for Oxford

From A Special Correspondent Dayos, Dec 18

For the third year in succession Cambridge have convincingly won the univaristy skiling. Today in the slalom the aggregate of the four fastest times clocked by the Cambridge team was 26.4sec ahead of the Oxford total, a victory margin identical to that achieved in the giant slalom on Tuesday.

Once again outstanding performances from the Scots, Colin Robertson, the team captain, and Douglas Low, carved the Cambridge lead with aggregate times over the two runs of Imin 11.8sec and Imin 11sec respectively. They were 6.2sec ahead of their nearest to them in the individual event came from Richard Ayles, of Oxford, who achieved a total of Imio 18sec, after two falls, one in each run.

A similar postern to the giant slalom emerged with the positions of Nicholas Morris and Andrew Reicher, who were again

Knockroe may be back in action

anes and a long delay in Paris. If this is not trying, I do not now what is, and If there has sen a precedont for an objection y an English jockey in France of the two French jockeys who mished in front of him, I have et to hear of it. Southwell is not ulte as glamorous in midlecember as the south of France, at Blacksbaw is ready to go anythere, and I bope the 2200 sell-ug race comes his way this fteraoon.

Knockroe may he back in action text flat season. He has been in reland since October and will lave a couple of races over lurdles to the new year.

Knockroe's temperament is well known. In 1973, after finishing second to Rheingold in the John Porter Stakes he ran three disappoint of reference and his trainer, Major Nelson, was on the verge of referiog him. Knockroe missed the 1974 flat season because of a back injury and is now with the Irish trainer, Adriao Maxwell.

Apprentice has 517 wins

Laurel, Maryland, Dec 17.—
Guly 10 mooths after winning his first race. Christopher McCarron, a 19-year-old apprendice jockey, has set an American record for horse racing victories in a year.

During yesterday's meeting here he won the seventh race on Omylove and the eighth on Apres Vous to hring his total, so far this year, to 517 wins. Sandy Hawtey, of Canada, set the Introduction of 515 victories in 1973.—
AFP.

12.50 (12.51) CARMEL

(\$253: 2m)

Blakadown, hr g, hy Even Money
Olave (Mr N. Hickman), 6-14-0

NII Laya, b g, by Proud (1-1)

Rose Bay (Mr B. Allen), 5-13-0

Persian Kins, b g, by Trumerlane,
Gilboa (Mr Blackshow (7-4 fay) 3

ALSO RAN, 9-2 Slocking (4th), 8-1

Anglesey Royal 15-1 Country Cousin,
20-1 Tolor Country Cousin,
20-1 Tolor Scattish Socrois, Layendar

Trousers, Sirajahi Tickie, Ray oi Lighi,
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Making a common cause of military détente in Europe

The negotiations on the reduction of armed forces and armaments in Central Europe which hegan in Vienna on October 30, 1973, should result in easing the military confrontation in that region, where large contingents of ground and air forces and also considerable quantities of nuclear weapons are concen-

The parties to the negotiations stressed to this question.

Underlying the position of Western states is the proposal to carry out asymmetrical reductions of only ground forces of Nato end the Warsaw Treaty states (first of all raductions by the Soviet Union and the United States). The concept of the "disproportions" existing, so the Western representatives assert, between the ground forces of the two groupings in Ceotral Europe, was put forward to reinforce this proposal, according to which the socialist states should cut their armed forces by three times as many

men as the Western states ls that approach justified? In order to answer this question it is necessary to analyse the corre-lation of Nato and Warsaw Treaty forces in the zone where the reductions are to he made. Naturally, a correct assessment of the balance of forces of the two sides can be made only if dne account is taken of all the components of the armed forces and armaments which form an organically connected whole in each given case. Closely cooperating in these complexes are foreign and oational ground and air forces, and also units and sub-units equipped with nuclear

Of course, there are differances in the composition of the armed forces of the two groupings in the centre of the

contineot of Europe.

The personnel and the number of weapons of individual types of armed forces and arms were determined by the sides in the light of many factors, and, in particular, by the material and financial possibili-ties and manpower resources

to place emphasis on the mass huld-up in Central Europe of nuclear weapons and the means of delivering them, as these were considered to be more effective than conventional arms.

In his annual report to the United States Congress, published in the spring of this year, Mr James R. Schlesinger, How can this he achieved? the Secretary of Defeoce, he parties to the negotiations stressed that "American come up with different answers nuclear commitments to the security " of Nato members were firm.

Following the example of western states, the socialist countries could take one type of armed forces or armaments and talk in Vienna about, for example, the reduction of nuclear weapons alone. That road, however, would take the parties away from a search for a practical solution to the problems of mutual reductions of armed forces and armaments in Central Europe-the task which was unanimously approved by all of them during last year's preparatory consultations in Vienna.

Why, then, are the western representatives continuing to evade an examination of the evade an examination of the overall balance of armed forces and armaments in Central Europe? Perhaps this can be explained by the fact that the alignment of armed forces and armaments between Nato and the Warsaw Treaty states, taken as a whole, is characterized in Central Europe by an approxi-mate halance. This has been also confirmed by data pro-vided by the Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

The existing balance of forces in Central Europe has been recognized by leaders of western countries in the past and is recognized today. The annual report of the United States Defence Department, which has already been mentioned, points out that there is an approxi-mate balance between the immediately available forces and the Warsaw Pact in the Central Region. At the same time, Mr Schlesinger referred to "important quantitative and qualitative advantages" of Nato states in available in each state.

As early as the 'fifties, for instance, western states decided modern fighter planes, etc.), and



Mr James Schlesinger: Important advantages for Nato.

also logistical support. Similar ideas have been expressed by officials not only in the United States but in other Nato states

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, as Britain's Foreign and Common-wealth Secretary in the last Conservative Government, said that a reduction of armed forces in Central Europe would not upset the existing balance of forces. Similar statements have heen made by leaders of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The attempt made by western states, in assessing the balance of forces of the two sides only on the basis of ground forces and only on the basis of two indices at that (on the numerical strength of personnel and the number of tanks), without taking into consideration either other types of armed forces and armaments or other arms of the services within the ground forces proper, gives a false picture of the real state of affairs

in Central Europe. What is types of armed forces-foreign more, the data cited in the West concerning the numerical strength of ground forces require some verification. For the reduction area. In practice this means two

instance, when estimating the overall strength of the Nato ground forces, the western representatives do not include in them the air defence forces. which number tens of thousands of men. At the same time they include the air defence troops in the ground forces of the Warsaw Treaty states. It is also known that about 120,000 West German civilians are employed in the foreign armed forces stationed on West German territory, and the majority of them perform the same function as are performed by servicemen in the Soviet armed forces stationed in the area for which reductions are proposed.

The figures for the number of tanks also need verification. The western side ignores the fact that the United States is keeping 5,000 tanks in depots in West Germany and that replen-ishments have been effected in other Nato states. These figures, however, considerably change the picture of the balance of forces of the two groupings in this field.

Taking inm account the existing balance of armed forces and armaments between the Nato and Warsaw Treaty states, and also the decisions arrived at in the preparatory consultations, it hecomes clear that a military detente can be achieved in this region through equal commitments by all the negotiating parties regarding the reduction of ground forces. forces and armaments, including nuclear weapons (ex-cluding the navy, as was speci-fied in the agreement reached in the preparatory consulta-tions). Such a reduction should embrace both foreign and national components of the armed forces. There are no other categories of armed forces io Central Europe. The socialist states have always proceeded from this fact.

The same opinion was voiced by the western states in e spe-cial declaration adopted at the Nato council's session in Rome in 1970.

It stated that there were two will reply tomorrow.

armed forces and the armed forces of the states situated in

kinds of commitment the with drawal of foreign troops and all their armaments and material, and the disbanding of national troops and the removal of armaments and material from their fighting strength. There is no other way of reducing the military confrontation in the agreed area of Central Europe. Military détente is a common cause and therefore all the states which are potential parties to the future agreement (or agreements) must be involved in the murual reduction of armed forces and armaments. This means that they have to undertake definite commitments with regard to the reduction of their armed forces. Promises by West European participants in the negoriatious and also by Canada to cut their armed forces in the second stage, or in the indefinite future, cannot be any substitute for this.

The draft agreement submis-ted by the delegation of the Soviet Union, West Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia on November 8, 1973, provides for a clear-cut programme of measures for the reduction—a pro-gramme thoroughly worked out as regards dares and quantities. The draft agreement proceeds on the hasis of the realities ex isting in Central Europe, does not upset the alignment of for and does not provide unilateral military advantages.

In the negotiations in Vienna mutually acceptable solutions can he found only on condition that the principle of the undiminished security of all the parties is observed.

Vladimir Komley

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nal Institute for Strategic Studies, Dr Christoph Bertram,

hanging issue ... thee—Naval and Military Club ... thee—Chlef of Staff of thee—Provisional IRA ... thee—German magazine ... thee—self-styled

British spy ... thee—Confedera-tion of British Industry ... thee —Chancellor of the Exchequer

How the new mood of militancy can strengthen the UN

The United Nations General have put much of the blame on Assembly has just been baving Mr Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the one of its stormiest sessions for Algerian Foreign Minister, who some years. It has shown once again how the developing countries, when they vote together, can carry all before them, and it particularly upset the western countries. There have been angry accusations of illegality and of "tyranny of the of "tyranny of the majority."

The angriest of all came from Mr John Scali, the American representative. But British, French and West German speakers bave all joined in calling on the majority to pay some attention to the views of the minority, and not simply to push through resolutions by force of numbers. If these views are ignored, they have argued, it will make the resolutions unrealistic.

There is of course nothing new about the West not getting its way in the General Assembly. Britain has regularly been outvoted on colonial questions, and American dominance ended spectacularly in 1971 with the vote to admit China. Each year scores of resolutions are passed against the wishes of the western countries, but have tended to be ineffective.

The difference this year Is that wave have been found of using the numerical majority of the developing countries so that they can have a real impact on major loternational issues. This is true, for instance, of South Africa. Tha campaign against it at the United Nations, the fact that only the British, French and American vetoes saved it from expulsion, and the subsequent decision in exclude it from this year's General Assembly, have clearly been a factor in South African calcula-

Something of the same is true of Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and his regal reception at the United Nations. There is no other way in which Mr Arafat could have got this international consecration, and this io itself makes the event a factor in the Middle East

Bernard Levin

A case of thee less said the better

for many years, and hold him

dear; many's the glass we have

his bead are ears, and not cun-

ningly shaped blobs of plasti-

cine. Why, then, can be not hear himself mangling and de-banching the language in this manner? Or if he can hear himself, why does he not stop domg it?

There is an explanation—not an excuse—for the habit. Most

of the offences are committed

under the influence of the tele-

prompter; the villains are reading their text and want to make

it sound spontaneous, so they use this borrible and illiterate

device to that end. Unfortu-

nately, it does not make their words sound spontaneous; it makes them sound more artificial, stilted and ignorable. We had a perfect example of that

truth on News at Ten on Decem-

her 11; after Sandy Gall's horrible thee-ridden delivery,

the ear was soothed and

attracted by an amateur. It was the taxi-driver who chased

the men suspected of throwing the homb at the Naval and Military Club; his account of the matter had a dozen or more definite articles in it, and every

one, without exception, was pronounced correctly. The con-

sequence, of course, was that the taxi-driver sounded like an interesting human being, and Gall sounded like a horing waxwork, as did Desmond Hamill (December 5, News at Ten) with

(December 5, News at Ten) with thee—side-street . . . thee—police . . . thee—Criminal Justice Act", Giles Smith (hut he, too, is trying) with (same programme, same night) "thee—imit on other roads . . . thee—first thee—seventy

candidata . . . thee—seventy five pence gallon " (Smith, as if to show that his illiteracies are not limited to the definite article, also offered "prob-

domg it?

has been this year's President of the Assembly, accusing him of using his position for partisan ends. But Mr Bouteflika has done so in ways that have has been solidly upheld by the particularly upset the western Assembly majority, and there countries. There have been was nothing they could do

> How things will go in the future has still to be seen. The Western countries are far from having lost all their leverage, and this showed in the debates on Cambodia and Korea, two areas of concern to the Chinese. The Americans succeeded in heating off a Chinese attempt to expel the Lon Nol regime and replace it with Prince Sibanouk. They also defeated a Chinese move to dismantle the United Nations command in South Korea.

The Chinese, in fact, have not come out of the session very well, since they lost on both these votes. Nor have the Rus-sians, who had no hig initiatives of their own, and tended to follow rather than lead.

There is, however, a new militancy among the developing countries, and this is presumably something that has come to stay. It shows particularly on economic issues, where many of the developing countries are heartened by the success of the oil weapon, and it feeds on a sense of resentment towards the West. Many speakers have pointed out that the Western countries paid little attention to the others when they them-selves controlled a majority.

So far as Britain is concerned, there appear to he no grounds for despair about tha way the United Nations is going. At least according m Mr lvor Richard, the British Permanent Representative. Mr Richard thinks that this year's debate on the "tyranny of the majority" has been a useful one, hecause it has allowed resentments to come out into the onan, and "hlown away cobwebs "

He points out that several of the developing countries who replied to Mr Scali's speech complex.

In both cases, western delegates have complained about showed awareness of the need the way things were dooe. They for dialogue with

industrialized world. The of the western countries, she be to detach these count from the "revolutionaries" work with them on setting t new international econo order which would take ev

one's interests into account Now that it has shed imperial trappings, Britain enormous opportunities at United Nations, Mr Rich fiods, providing it learns to use them. He finds that tain can still exert influe: partly for historical reasons. partly also because of its li with the United States end v the other members of the Er pean Economic Community, This year Britain and other members of the Europ Community bave in fact b cooperating more than e

hefore, consulting on alm every point that comes They have not always succeed in achieving a common positi or in voting on the same s but they have had cesses, such as their ic decision to abstain oo the m resolution on Palestine 1 month.

This cooperation gives members greater "muscle".
Richard says, as well as greater protection. It has now got the point where any memiof the European Communication. who wants to vote different from the rest feels the need least to justify what he doing.

As m the United Nations general, Mr Richard thinks to its achievements are oft underestimated. He points the work it has done this ye on economic problems of t daveloping world, to the st cess of the Security Council stopping the fighting between Iran and Iraq, and in the efficient in the stopping of the United Nation presence in the Middle East at in Cyprus.

The question that has arise this year, he says, is how it United Nations should be use Is it to he used as an instr ment for revolutionary or gress, or as a body which hrings sovereign governmen mgerhar and respects the varying attitudes?

Peter Straffor

Raymond Fletcher

Choose your truth and stick to it

Wilde, and you will sooner or later he found out. This aphorism, which has inspired many a politician ont of favour, out of office and sometimes out belief that the capitalist system of his seat, ought, like all pieces of wittly cooceorrated wisdom, to lift the spirits of all 635 of

prophets proclaimed so much of it to so many. Huge slabs of it are burled at readers of leading articles. Three-minute snippets of it go out almost hourly from radio and television studios. Book loads of it are stacked on the shelves of libraries every day. And thousands of computers click and flash incessantly as they arrange, condense and reveal it Yet this information explo-sioo, far from creating an informed citizenry, has had pre-cisely the opposite effect. We are all more bewildered than our great-grandfathers, who himsely unaware that Britain had had a visible trade deficit throughout most of its trading history, went on working and investing to such effect that much of the world's spare money was attracted to London as though by the law of gravity.

world hegan m dissolve in a sea of information even before the First World War. Even the law of gravity itself was, in effect, repealed by Einstein, whose mathematical thought spilled over into other areas and produced one result almost as awful as the nuclear bomh. This was the discovery that there is no such thing as The Truth. Thate are only fragmented truths, all

relative. When Mr Heath, therefore, urges Mr Wilson to tell the people the truth about our economic problems, and implies that he himself has been doing this very thing all along, he is

The other day, under the heading "Good news", I printed an interview with Shepherd Mead,

an American writer who, un usually for these times, is

claims range from gypsies to

princesses, have not ahandoned

The doctor's offer is in-finitely alluring for who does

not secretly desire the elixir of eternal youth, even if the

world is going down the drain?

His methods are to try to stop should be out before doom de-the decaying process within scends.

of our condition".

wrote Oscar not (lo our genteel parliamenis the best system we have got.
It is true that profits are too
low. It is true that examina on us as we prepare for the Christ-mas recess. But I fear it will that wages are rising too fast do no such thing.

It is true, as Sir For, oddly enough, there is a surfeit of truth. Never in of our industries are over-history have so many political manned.

But let me assure my readers (most of whom, judging by my correspondence, seem to he Tories) that my acceptance of these refracted truths does not mean that I am about to slip quietly over to the wrong side of Smith Square io Londoo and be received into the Conservative Party as converts are received into the Catholic Church. Far from it.

For it is equally true, as stated by Mr Wilson and Mr Jack Jones, that profits have been grossly misused (even hy ist standards), that they have been generated by the wrong kind of economic activity (again by capitalist standards)

and quite inadequately invested (by any standards).

There are, I repeat, plenty of truths floating around trying to find harbours for themselves. But, with so many truths, is there any wonder that so many people concern themselves more with the objective certainties of the racing results than the insult-coated views that are thrown daily from one side of the House of Commons to the

other? Yet conscience doth make politicians of us all. I cannot go into retreat, so to speak, so long as I helieve (and my beliefa, like everyone's, constitute my truth) that a skilled miner is worth as much m this nation as a competent columnist, that hospital porters do more good for more people than I do and that their value should be

reflected in their wages, and that Mr Alfred Morris's selfless work for the disabled deserves all the organized support I am able to muster for it

But let me get back to the larger world. Nobody has more effectively allegorized our present situation than M Pierre Boulle (whose original, Swiftian Planet of the Apes has become a growth industry in Hollya growth industry in Holly at last trying to speak English wood). In a lesser-known tale, correctly. Most of them, as I the Age of Wisdom, M Boolle shall presently demonstrate in a envisaged a united world which has solved its economic problems but in which two schools of thought organize themselves

inm political parties.

There is the Corpuscular party, dedicated to the proposition that everything in the universe is composed of electrons. And there is the Undulist party, equally fanatically committe to the view that "waves are the essence of the world and that the electron is an illusion created by the imperfection of our senses and measuring instru-

Both parties decide, indepen-dently of each other, that some great project is needed in order to settle their differences, one way or the other, and thus remove all conflict from this best of all possible worlds. So they set out, armed with a technology beyond our nightmares, to raise the temperature at the icecaps to henefit the Eskimoes and to lower it at the Equator to make lifa more hearable for people there. They certaioly demonstrate that they can both do it. But they wipe out both peoples

in the process.

There has to be a moral to everything written so near to Christmas. Mine can be only the chilly one that it is not only the politicians who have brought this nation to the abyss. It is you lot, out there, who will not choose a truth, live by it and C Times Newspaper Ltd, 1974

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How goes thee-fight, warriors? hanging issue . Tha answer is supplied by Macbeth: So fool and fair a day I have not seen. In other words, though the pestilence rages still. epparently unabated, there is good, andible reason to believe that the enemy's nerve is crumhling, and that we may soon have him on the run.

rather offensive manner, are failing; hut there are unmis-takable signs that someooe in authority is telling them to stop it, and that they wish, at any rate, to obey. The World Tonight, for instance, on December 11 (Radio 4) was absolutely thee less from beginning to end, with the exception of the contri-hution of Dominic Harrod, who made up (down, I suppose) for half a dozen otherwise excellent voices by not only scattering his thees all over his contribution "thee-news from New York ... thee—richest of thee—Middle East oil producers"), but compounded his offence by his repeated use of that hideous upward scoop at the end of a phrase that used to be the trademark of Chris Underwood until he reformed. If he can, so can

Harrod; let him do so forthwith. Three of the worst offendera on ITN—Sandy Gall, Glies Smith and Andrew Gardner—have all been heard, since I last reall oeen neard, since I may reported, trying to do hetter; it
is clear, however, that the
habit is now so deeply ingrained
that it will take a long course
of persecution by me to make
them get rid of it entirely. Gall, for instance, said on December 5th (News at Ten), everyone ber 5th (News at Ten), everyone in thee—country ... thee—Zamhian Government ... thee—different nationalist movements ... thee—Foothall Association Secretary ... thee—thirty thousand strong Turkish invasion force ... thee—draw for thee—semi-final. On December 11th, he rattled off thee—

. . thee-capital In the same programme, For it is clear that they are Andrew Gardner started off in magnificent style, hardly com-mitting a single thee in the first half of the programme; unfortunately, he broke down completly in Part II, offering 11 thees and an au for good measure, all of which I have noted for my forthcoming monograph on him.

Which brings me to Reginald Bosanquet. When I last re-ported from the front, I indicated my feeling that Gardner is the worst criminal of the lot. Clearly, I must have stung Reggie, never a man to allow himself to be surpassed without protest, and oo the very evening of the day my com-ment appeared (December 5) he gave us, on News at Ten, so many thees that I was unable to write them all down, and

therefore offer here only a selection: thee—National Board

thee—puh hombings thee-police thee-single-storey concrete huilding
thee—National Economic De-

velopment Council thee Department of the Environment thee-Coal Board's productivity scheme thee—stated membership
thee—Government coociliation

service thee-Bakers' Union

thee-Bakers' Federation thee-Minister and, for good measure, ay new torture ay pachydermatous to the bread strike.

rooms at once, I could not swear the hardest time over this, and that my research was exhaustive. cost of the operation will not, as I asserted, he borne by the until I had sworn to print Kirk's British taxpayer (which means us) hut by the European taxpayer (which means us and

> I have now received what I taka to he an authoritative ruling on what the Germans call shell-fish. Margarith Moody of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sen in Copen-hagen, and she should know,

says shrimps are Garneen or Speisekrahbe, the crab is Taschenkrebs and crayfish are Krehse or Flusskrebse. He points out that, while this is true, he did manage to record his vote "against the Dicey

Committee Room 7 at the House of Commons is becoming the place where Neil Kinnock, MP, brings oppressed people to talk about their oppression. Last week he presented Angela Davis, who spoke on behalf of oppressed hlack people. Yesterday, even more exotically, he terday, even more exotically, he was in the company of a team of young and attractive croupiers, of both sexes, from the Casa-nova Club in Mayfair.

The Trouble at the Casanova Club sounds like a detective story by Dorothy L. Sayers, but it is real enough. The club sacked 75 of its employees for taking part in industrial action. Kinnock spoke of "old-fashioned Victorian managerial" in the Stouth of Charles Dickens".

Croupiers work among people of great wealth and privalege and the concept of their taking industrial action seems slightly ridiculous, though they are certainly serious enough about it. When I arrived at the

repression" and later said that

Now this Bosaoquet deserves berly" for probably, and then udy. I have known the man —perhaps eveo that effort or many years, and hold him being too great—contracted the "thee—switch-over" and M Stretton of the Bakers Union putting io his hid with "some same word even further, to probhly"), Peter Woods (BBC thing for thee-members); but raised in each other's company.

I know him to he a good egg, and I am also reasonably sure that the things on either side of thee—maximum selling prices that the things on either side of thee—Soviet party leader thee maximum selling prices
thee Soviet party leader
thee Chateau of Rambouillet (he prozounced the difficult Rambouillet perfectly—why should be serve a foreign language more faithfully than his own?), and an unnamed female news reader on the 6 pm

News (BBC Radio 4) on December 8, who rattled off theefour African nationalist organizations...thee—normally moderate ANC...thee—decision of Rhodesia's African national ist leaders . . . thee—signing ceremony . . thee—South African Prime Minister . . . thee body of U Thant... thee—space-tracking group ... thee—Chairman of British Leyland ... thee—National Union of ... thee—National Union of ...

Union (which last, incidentally, she provided with a General "Seckertary").

The Campaign for Noisier Illiteracy does not, of course, confine itself to mispronouncing the definite article and in-serting an artificial, unneces-sary and distracting pause after it; as many fellow-warriors have pointed out, almost every preposition is treated similarly. by being wrongly stressed and followed by a pause which does nothing but destroy the meaning of what is being said. Such extensions of the thee principle have not escaped me, and I shall examine them, too; I shall also publish studies of the weather-reports readers (some of whom are among the very worst offenders) and of the extent to which public men who are reither lic men who are neither pro-fessional hroadcasters nor professional speakers have never-theless caught the plague (we have recently had Dr Derek Stevenson of the BMA giving us "thee—doctors are steamed up", Sir Don Ryder offering

today I shall conclude as before, and as will he my regular prac-tice, with a roll of honour. Top of it is Mr Kenneth Kendall, of BBC Television; in deed, every offender on every channel should simply be told to listen to him; his delivery has nooe of the empty manner isms of the others, his voice is perfectly pitched, his text accurately stressed. His news-reading is a pleasure to the ear, andmark this, you Bosanquets, Gard ners. Smiths, Galls, Woodses, Hardcastles—it is also much better at its job, which is, after all, conveying information. Because be speaks English instead: of thee-horrible non-language heard elsewhere, the mind attends to him more easily and he feeds it more effectively Almost as good is Mr Richard Baker, who shows, incidentally, that a voice need not he free of all idiosyncrasies (as, for in stance, Mr Kendall's is) to be

attractively. Of the reporters, Keith Hatfield keeps up his excellent standard, and is joined by Anthooy. Carthew; Christine Eade, of the BBC's political staff, spoke 2 thee-less and generally excellent piece on the 6 pm Radio Four news on December 5, marred only by "tempory" for temporary; and David Tonga may shortly qualify for a Reformac ... Sinner Badge, his report from Athens on December 8 (BBC) evening news hullerin) being, l think, his first thee less delivery since I started the campaign. 0: reform it altogether!

an instrument that a literate

man can use to convey meaning

C Times Newspaper Ltd, 1974

House, their representatives, un-

used to heing up and about at 11 in the morning but looking immaculate all the same, were

shivering outside for the bene-

Before the conference started
Raymond Fletcher, MP, joked
that somebody should baveled
they

brought some cards, so they could play a few hands while waiting for stragglers to turn

up. Another speaker made what

was prohably an unconscious quip when he said that all union

members in the industry faced

There were colourful descrip-

fit of photographers.

"a dicey situation ".

The Times Diary

Good news: how to live to be 1,000

nsually for these times, is optimistic about the world's future. This provoked an enthusiastic letter from Frank Goodridge of Wimbledon, who thinks I should make a regular feature of "ideas, however nutty, that offer practical suggestion for the improvement the body, and strengthen the system by administering huge doses of vitamins, either orally or by injections. At 45 he is gestions for the improvement Right, then. To start, how about Herman Le Compte, a Belgian doctor? He is collaborating with Professor C. Northcote Parkinson, author of Parkinson's Law, on a project which they believe will save the Psrkinson wrote the introduction to the doctor's book You don't have to be mad, but it may help. Parkinsoo later realized that the doctor's theories could he combined Dr Le Compte has gained fame in Belgium for his fight against the local Medical Council, who struck him off the register for claiming that Man with his own to save the world. The professor believes civiliza-tion is declining hecause we do could live for 1.000 years. He

was sent to prison for practising while suspended, though he successfully appealed last month against another spell inside. His patieots, whom he claims range from gypsies to not eat properly. The two meo have been in deep consultation for two weeks inside the doctor's plush villa at Knokke-le-Zoute, in the heart of Belgium's Costa Geriatrica, outlining a joint book. Time is sbort. The professor helieves that Western civilization will have collapsed by the year 2000, with Russia making the last stand. Their book is to he called The Law of Life, and

I hear that Edward Heath is planning to go to Jamaica next month. Before his rivals for the tnaories, exuding energy from hats into the ring or the air, I his compact frame. So, too, is his sculptress wife Begga d'Haese and their nine children.

Psrkinson wrote description hats into the ring or the air, I must add that he also plans to come back, though it is still interesting to speculate whether restore his forces for the defence of his crown, or to get himself out of the limelight for n bit, having renounced it. His spokesman denies that either interpretation is appropriate.

Lurobash

Tuesday night's Christmas party at the Kensington headquarters of the European Communities provided evidence that the Labour Party's reconciliation with Europe is by no means a foregone conclusion. Although a substantial array of Conservative front-bench talent (if that is the word) attended, I saw no member of the Government at all—though since the Eurobooze was flowing copiously from three passing through.

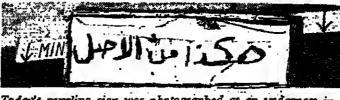
Among the first people I met was an old friend from the Soviet embassy who reminded me that the last time we met at e party I recorded the fact in this column, reporting his view that Britain would survive the difficulties which then, as now, faced us. I asked him whether he was still hopeful that we would win through, and he smiled. "Not win through", he said. "Muddle through, per-

In spite of the absence of Labour people, I found the Eurofolk optimistic about the chance of Britain staying in the Community following the Paris summit. Indeed, it was an unusually festive evening. I was even received cordially by Peter Kirk, the prize Eurocommuter whose dash to and from Luxembourg I chronicled last week. It was his fiercely loyal secretary and hatchet woman who gave me

rejoinder, which you see below. So read on. Eurodash Peter Kirk has written a good-

humoured rejoinder to my item last week recording his epic dash from the European Parliament in Luxembourg to London and back. I reported that he failed by four minutes in his main aim—to vote in the Com-mons hanging dehate.

Government's monstrous proposals to impose yet further taxes upon the self-employed". He adds that I was wrong to say he sped from London Airport in an official car. It was a privately hired (though publicly fuoded) vehicle. Finally, he points out that the



Today's puzzling sign was photographed at an underpass in the Barbican, London, by E. Stekel of Harringay, who says that although he measures less than 15' 8", he has no difficulty



the situation was "straight out

tions of things said to be hap-pening at the Casanova after the mass sackings, when it was heing run by allegedly under trained staff. George Sawford of the T&GWU's casing section, told tales of roulette halls flying from the wheel to all flyiog from the wheel to all parts of the room, and of people allegedly being paid out oo hers they had not made. No wooder. there is a waiting list for membership.

Quote of the week from Jennifer, author of Jennifer's Diary in Harpers and Queen. interviewed on Desert Island Discs: "Yes, Pm a real old was non in Cockney. Cadogan Gardens."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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WAGE INFLATION GATHERS PACE

'esterday's latest pay statistics to the more than 32 per cent rate of increase in wage rates proving the need for new and disagreeable policies to sceptical disagreeable policies to sceptical tey do not absolutely prove, the cent foreboding of the National stitute of Economic and Social esearch that the pay restraints the social contract are being eached across a wide front. In e first four months of the cial contract—from the end of ily to the end of Novemberisic weekly rates of wages for I manual workers in all indusies and services rose at an inual rate of over 32 per cent. The broad theory of the social ntract is that pay should not se faster than is necessary to eserve the real purchasing wer of earned incomes. This nuld have implied an annual te of increase in pay of about per cent in the second half of

The much more rapid actual te has, of course, owed much threshold payments in the tal period of Mr Heath's illarred experiment with a form wage indexing. Since the end July something not far short half the labour force has nefited from five threshold yments worth at least 1 per nt each as an addition to the sic wage rates of all manual rkers. That alone would have ntributed at least 71 per cent things may turn out better; and

is year.

of increase in wage rates recorded since July.

In addition the end of the

statutory restraints under Mr Heath's Stage Three unleashed what can sanguinely be regarded as a number of once-and-for-all adjustments in pay that should not properly be included in the annualized rate of increase in wages since July. But it would still take exceptional optimism to reconcile the remaining rate of increase in pay with the price standard embodied in the social contract.

Moreover, there is now clear anecdotal evidence that settlements are being sought and achieved on the hasis of projected future rates of inflation, projected, needless to say, on the most pessimistic assumptions. As the National Institute rightly explained that makes 20 per centand-more inflation a self-fulfilling prophecy and destroys the vital nexus in the social contract between current pay increases, past price increases and future productivity gains.

The Government will he tempted, as ministers always are when faced with partial evidence that their economic policies may be hreaking down, in wait and see. There is always the bope that

government in the Senate-and

has been widely attacked for his

pusillanimity for letting the

The Queensland government bas not only bumiliated Mr Whit-

lam, it is the most aggressive

champion of the states' rights

which Mr Whitlam wants to bave

reduced—for which purpose be sent bis Attorney General to

Britain in 1973 with a somewhat

brusque demand that Britain end

an intolerably ontdated colonial

relationship. As the Australian electorate has constitutional

machinery to settle it on the spot,

Britain side-stepped this invidious issne. Mr Whitlam is apparently

not quite satisfied with Britain's

answer, and intends to whittle

down the privileges of the states'

Agents-General in London as part

of the process of phasing out the

Lahour colleague in distress as

far as prudence permits. But it is possible he will also want to

know why Lahour's fortunes have

fallen so low in Australian condi-

tions so soon after Mr Whitlam's

election victory in May. The

answer has little to do with states'

rights. It is firstly to he found in the Government's failure to con-

trol the wages-prices spiral, so

that inflation, approaching 21 per

cent, is running actually ahead of

Britain's. Unemployment is expected to reach 400,000 next year

while wage settlements are so

extravagant that Lahour minis-

ters have had to protest that

"nne man's larger pay packet is another man's jnb".

Mr Wilson may wish to help a

states' formal sovereignty.

half informed colleagues before all the data are in. But he who stops to look until he is certain always finds it too late to leap, at least in the management of the

economy.

There is already sufficient evidence that the social contract, as the Government's chief policy against inflation, needs urgent and specific reinforcement. At the absolute minimum pay aetile-ments based on estimated future rates of inflation, which also ignore threshold payments received since the last main settle-ment, must be outlawed.

Ministers must not sit mes-

merized by the Laocoonian struggles of the National Union of Mineworkers while a thousand other lesser aettlements are outflanking the Government's whole position. Reports that the Cahinet has given highest priority to comhating inflation and that it is examining a variety of novel schemes for escaping the dilemma of "stagflation" are welcome so far as they go. But action by the end of the year—or very early in the New Year—is now indispensable. The slope is getting steeper every week; and the brink of overt disaster is drawing nearer faster.

While the unemployed shout

for work, the number of days lost

in strikes last year reached an all-

time record (exceeding even the

1917 total). Investment hy busi-

ness, hampered by cash flow problems, has slumped, and the

decline in husiness confidence bas even given the public fits of

jitters, causing them recently to

make a run on the building societies. Immigration has been totally stopped. A strongly reflationary budget—which included

cuts in corporation taxes-has so

far had 10 visible effect. Nor has

confidence been restored by the

ahrupt translation of the Federal

Treasurer, Mr Crean, to the office of Minister of Overseas Trade, and the takeover of the Treasury

by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Cairns.

Considering that Australia is self-sufficient in oil, Mr Wilson may find these events down

under to be food for thought. Mr

Whitlam, bowever, is limited hy a federal constitution—be cannot

do things that Mr Benn, for example, can do if he get a simple

parliamentary majority. As Mr Cameron, Federal Minister of Labour, ruefully remarked, "We

do not have the power to intro-

duce socialism, we must learn to

is in fact states' rights which

abrogate that power, and so frus-

trate those who think socialism is

the answer to Australia's prob-

lems. But Britain cannot relieve

that frustration. And the Queens-

land results suggest that the

Australians are looking for leaders whn will make the pre-

sent system work rather than

change it.

IR WHITLAM'S PROBLEMS DOWN UNDER

chance go.

Gough Whitlam, the next March by defeating the stralian Prime Minister, is a y welcome guest in Britain lay although he is helieved to ve one or two unwelcome luests in his briefcase. His int words in Brussels on tain's membership of the ropean Community will help Wilson and can disturb only se who still cling to the Comnwealth as an alternative uping to that membership.

fost Australian prime miniss, when in serious political uble at home, have found it itic to avoid extensive prosses abroad, but Mr Wbitlam been an exception, coolly dis-nful of criticism that his place n Canberra when the going is gh. As he is in practice, if not name, external affairs minishe can claim that strengthen-Australia's trade and political with Europe and Russia has, the growing depression, an ent call on his time. But in tain he evidently also intends continue the domestic struggle inst his latterly rather cessful opponents in Australia. Carlier this month the istralian Labour Party in eensland went down to crushh Mr Whitlam practically ding their campaign. Political erts bave calculated that,

king allowances for any special iditions in Queensland, the te results show that Mr utlam would lose a federal ction today. Moreover it would e been possible for Mr dden, the federal opposition der, to have forced an election

LARET IS STILL CLARET FOR ALL THAT

Pierre Bert, the wine ker sentenced to a year's prisonment in Bordeaux terday for docturing and miselling wine, has accepted the dict hut intends to appeal inst the sentence. Since by his o admission his doctoring ivines bad earned him a fit of about half a million inds in the course of a few nths, the sentence does not in t seem unduly harsh. Certainly accompanying fine of £2,500 uld have heen a very dequate punishment by itself. A Bert's argument is that he is ng made the scapegoat for the s of the Bordeaux wine trade a wbole. This led him to make tements in court which bave bably done much more hage to Bordeaux's reputation n the charges against him ald bave done in themselves. while admitting the truth nf charges, he claimed that what was doing was absolutely Imal practice.

ne bopes that this claim, if ntotally false, is at least very th exaggerated. Certainly te is no reason to regard M Bert as a reliable witness. But what cannot he denied is that the case bas shown up grave defects in the system of appellation contrôlée, a system whose extension to Britain is one of the less bappy effects of our mem-

hership of the European Commu-

Contrary to general helief, the appellation is not in any direct sense a guarantee of quality. It certifies where the wine comes from, how the vine was culti-vated, what method was used tn make the wine, and limits the amount of it that can he made. Its original purpose was to protect the wine-grower and hroker, not the consumer. Indeed the British consumer undoubtedly benefited from the system's nonapplication until last year, since he was able to huy at a lower price wine which did not qualify for the appellation solely hecause it was produced in excess of the prescribed quantity.

It was thus that witnesses were able to say in court, with perfect truth, that no one can tell by tasting it whether a wine quali-fies fur the appellation or not. This is by no means the same as

the absurd statement by one of the defence lawyers that no one can tell good wine from had,

It is certainly had luck on the

wine trade, and the Bordeaux trade in particular, that this scandal should have erupted at a time when wine prices are falling anyway because of the economic climate and the unwinding of the ridiculous speculative positions taken up by so many people (most of them strangers to the wina trade) during 1972 and 1973. It would be a great pity if it led people in this country to lose confidence in claret generally. In this context it must be stressed that there is no question of the methods used by M Bert and the Cruse cousins having any effect on chateauhnttled vintages. Nor indeed is there any evidence that any of the wine doctored by M Bert ever left Bordeaux. Claret remains one of the world's finest red wines, if not the finest, and Britain remains the privileged recipient of much of the hest claret produced. We are still the heirs and heneficiaries of the Bordeaux connexion that came to us with Eleanor of Aquitaine. -

& Kurdish struggle In Mr Jeremu Swift

S The United Nations Gensral Ambly Resolution 3236 (XXIX)
Ovember 22, 1974, recognizing
Bight of the Palestinian paople wif-determination, is a walcom towards peace in the Middle But no reference was made te other war in the araa, waged b people who also believe in setermination. I refer to the Ks of northern Iraq.

your correspondent has repi, the Kurds are not demand-ifull independence, although ti long resistance to outsiders w seem to make them worthy of itustead they ask only for a)my within a democratic Iraq, Wsecurely protected cultural, Pal and economic rights. The I Kingdom bas a special respility in this matter for two Kinto northern Iraq in the first Pwas the result of e bilateral agent in 1926 between Britain (the mandate power in Iraq) arkey, thereby putting an end adish hopes of independence Whad been raised at the Treaty Ores six years earlier. And it the end of the British mandate in 1932, when Iraq joined the League of Nations, Britain took moral responsibility for upholding an Iraqi government Declaration of Constitutional Force acknowledging the special position of the Kurds.

But there has been no move by recent British governments on tha Kurdish question, and several bundred thousand refugees, mainly received only timid belp from the voluntary agencies in this country and abroad. An Iraqi victory in this country and abroad. An Iraqi victory in this country and abroad. war would create a permaneot population of Kurdish refugees in neighbouring countries, dedicated to recovering their bomeland: the Palestinians of the 1980s perbaps.

In the United Nations General Assembly debate oo the Palestinian resolution, the Iraqi representative mayingly described the plight of the Palestitian people and stated "the scourge of war bas only strengthened the faith of the Palestiniao people wishing to-resume its rightful place in the concert of nations. . . . We must make no concessions in the defence of this people's human rights and its right to self determination. . . The Palestinian people has the right

to resort to all means in order to affirm its existence and to assert its rights. This is a struggla which should be backed by all countries snould be backed by all countries and peoples. Is it not time that the Kurdish people were allowed tha same choice by the government of Iraq, and by the international community at large?

Yours faithfully, TEREMY SWIFT

University of Sussex, Institute for the Study of Inter-national Organization, Stanmer House, Stanmer Park, Brighton.

Television and radio cuts

From Mr Patrick Stirling Sir, Dare we hope that party political broadcasts will take their fair share of the cuts in television and radio broadcasting time to be introduced by the BBC in 1975? I am, Sir, your obedient servant, PATRICK STIRLING, The Old Rectory, Farmington, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. December 12.

Threat of economic catastrophe From The Master of St Peter's

College, Oxford

From The Master of St Peter's
College, Oxford
Sir, You argue (December 13) that, given cartain conditions, "there is no way in the short-to-medium term that the oil deficits or the management of the surplus funds of the oil producers can cause catestrophe in the western economies". This is popular and comforting doctrine but should deceive no one.

First of all, the conditions you lay down bear little relation to the world we live in. We are very far—the Unsted Kingdom furthest of all—from a situation in which the deficits of the leading countries are "broadly equivalent to their proportionate share in the collective oil deficit." We are also very far from a situation in which we can take for granted that the oil will keep flowing or that the "collective oil deficit." will be covered by long-term lending or investment or even by a stable distribution of funds between countries, regardless of terms. You are oot entitled to assume that individual deficits will stay within limits fixed in advance or that war if they do, they will stay within limits fixed in advance or that, even if they do, they will automatically be covered on fixed

Secondly, your conditions are not sufficient by themselves to remove the threat of catastrophe. It is of the threat of catastrophe. It is of course axiomatic that bowever great the imbalance in the world and whatever its source, the surpluses must in the aggregate equal the deficits and that for every creditor there must be a debtor. But this does not imply that countries can with impurity run what deficits they choose nor that world imbalance may not lead on to catastrophe when deficit cnurtries feel obliged in take corrective measures.

corrective measures.

Continuous short-term borrowing—and recycling means no more than short-term borrowing—outs a country's currency (and ultimately its entire economy) at the mercy of its creditors; and creditors—even internstional creditors—are not in the habit of issuing blank cheques. No country can be indifferent about the size and duration of an external deficit; and the real issues relate to the terms on which deficits can be covered by borrowing and the measures that failure to agree on satisfactory terms may provoke.

On terms, international guarantees and funds can offer only partial re-assurance. There are limits to the debt that countries will incur and the loans that they will make, and in deciding on these limits they need to weigh the benefits and the risks and costs, neither of which can be fixed once and for all by inter-national agreement.

national agreement.

As for measures, we have sean so far only what the surphis countries can do to endanger the world economy. Why are you so confideor thar we and the other deficit countries will yet do less? Or perhaps you share the view now being urged on us that thoroughgoing trade restrictions would not be catastrophic? Yours faithfully,

ALEC CATRNCROSS,

St Peter's College,
Oxford. Oxford. December 1S.

From Sir Arthur Bruce Sir, Some months ago you published a letter in which it was suggested that it would be a sign of wisdom on Mr Wilsoo's part if ba were to declare e state of emergency and to follow the state of emergency and to follow up the declaration with the measures necessary to contain or moderate the economic crisis which loomed ahead. Cao any one doubt if that had heen done then the country would be in much

hetter shape now?

Is it not evident, as Sir Frederick Catherwood has been proclaiming, that failing urgent action, the catastrophe may be imminent at a time when the Lahour Government is harmone when the catastrophe is the catastrophe may be imminent as a time when the Lahour Government is harmone when the catastrophe may be income. is hamstrung by its commitments to the trade unions, and Conservative Opposition is hamstrung by its internal follies, while millions of Liberal voters are more or less

unrepresented and voiceless.
Is it not now obvious that Mr
Heath (backed by the older statesmeo in his party) and Mr Thorpe
should demand that Mr Wilson
should declare a state of emergency
forthwith underraking at the came forthwith, uodertaking et the same time that they will support the Prime Minister in taking the emer-gency measures which all modsrate minded men and women know must

be devised and put through.

It may be that some present members of Mr Wilson's cabinet would wish to dissociate themselves from such a course of actioo, but this might eneble Mr Wilson to build up some sort of consensus Government on the lines already adumbrated by Mr Heath at the time of the recent election. Can anyone doubt the welcome that such a development would receive from tha great majority of the British people at this time of grave national peril?

Yours feithfully.

ARTHUR BRUCE Little Tylers, Warwick's Bench, Guildford, Surrey.

Britain and the Middle East

From Dr M. R. Mehdi Sir, Your defence of the freedom of political advertising and debate, in your leaders of December 12 and 14, must be reckoned a milestone in the cause of free expression of minority opinion in the face of organized pressure groups.

organized pressure groups.

The advertisement by the Committee for Justice in the Middle East (December 11) and the strong reactions evoked by it raise two issues of public concern which, unfortunately, have been buried under a mass of irrelevancies, side issues and united and unfair

imputations of morives.

The first issue is the charitable nature of tha tax exemption claims made for contributions to various Ziouist appeals. There can, of course, be no objection, on legal grounds, to contributions made out of taxed income. Tax exemption on grounds of alleged charity is a different matter both because abuse of law brings the law into disrepute and because of the large sums that are lost to the public Exchequer which could be used for social and economic benefits of the society.

Your correspondent, Mr Peter Lewis (December 13), says of the COJME advertisement that "It would of course he undignified to answer its implication that British Jewry is financing indiscriminate bombing of refugees under the guise of charity and at the expense of the Inland Revenue". Mr Lewis has put it admirably. This is the gist of what the advertisement was rrying

Money collected by the Jewish National Fund through fund raising campaigns goes to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem which is closely associated with the Israeli Government and whose budget and programme of activities are stream-lined with the general budget and planning of the Israeli State. The money is used (or releases other funds to be used) to strengthen the state, to build servlements, for Jews ouly, on confiscated or purchased Arab land and to consolidate Israel's illegal occupation of tha territories of Palestine, Syria and Egypt seized in 1967.

The claim that this is entirely charitable in a finite characteristic control of the claim that the control of the claim that the characteristic characteristics.

charitable is a fiction that is bard to maintain. Little goes to any geouine charitable work for relief of Jews in need, especially if they are on the wrong side of the Zionist line.

The Russian Jews who left Israel for Belgium are being cared for by Caritas, a Christian foundation run by the Roman Catholic Church. Like them, the ex-Soviet Jews who left Israel and have been living as destitute refugees in Vienna these oast years receive no help from Zionist funds. Mr Chaim Bermani said in the Observer of last Sunday that there was a "tacit understanding" between Israel and Jewish Charitable societies that the Ruscharitable societies that the Russians who left should not be helped. Israel's own Oriental lews are perbaps the poorest section of World

There is e case now before

American law courts to test the charitable tax exemption claims of Zionist Appeals in the United States. Judgmeor by e British court of law should clarify the situation bere. The second issue raised by the advertmenent that of the freedom of political advertment is of particular interest at present in the context of the more general debate on press freedom raised by Mr Michael Foot's proposed legislation. Of dangers to the press, too much has been written on the printing unions and not enough on pressure groups. Our critics not only dis-agree with our views, they wish to suppress them.

As the events of the past week show, through a campaign of serious protest, to use your euphemism, aided by threats of legal action, nearly the whole of

the press was intimidated into refusal of the committee's edver-tisement. While The Times gave up after brave and honourable resist ance, the Guardian surrendered to pressure without a fight and a prominent left-wing weekly when the text was already in type.

I find it regrettable that it is necessary to state what should have been obvious, namely that this committee had no intention what-

soever of incitement to racial hatred or animosity to any group. The words of the severisement warrant prejudiced by the constant attempts seeking to confuse Zionist with Jew and to equate criticism of Israel with sttack on Jews. I must state that the allegation, reported on the front page of *The Times* on December 14, of an Arab campaign to cast Jews as scspegoats for Britain's economic ills, is baseless and notrue.

The controversy raised by this committee's advertisement will baye served a useful purpose if it brought to the attention of the British public the sort of pressures and methods at work to deny a fair bearing to any pro-Palestinian or pro-Arab group. It has also highlighted the public's need to know the facts ebout cbaritable tax exemptions either in Parliament, by a commission of inquiry or e test case in a court of

Yours faithfully, M. R. MEHDI, Chairman, Committee for Justice in the Middle East. PO Box 295,

From Mr E. R. Linz Sir. There seems to be e common thread of bysteria in the responses of some Jewish leaders to the General Brown statement in America and The Times decision regarding the edvertisement of the Committee for Justice in the Middle East. In both cases the initial res-ponse has been the allegation of racism and the denial of the right of political expression when it runs

counter to the Zionist cause.

An argument can be made that
General Brown's remarks were inappropriate due to his status as a career military servant. In contrast, the Committee for Justice in the pressure group just as many of the organizations which bavs protested the loudest, such as the Anglo-Israel Association.

If there is to be any hope of a con-belligerent settlement of the Middle East situation it is imperative that tolerance be displayed by both sides and their supportera.

None of the pressure groups involved enjoys a monopoly regarding truth or justice—although each would like us to believe such. The cornerstone of democratic freedom eccess m fact and opinion. causa it is often difficult or even impossible to separate one from the other our best bope lies in a wide public debate with each side free to present its case.

The Times should be commended

its contribution to this most important dialogue. Youra, etc., E. R. LINZ,

82 Middle Way, Oxford.

From Dr Stanley Solomons Sir, The advertisement about Jews in Russia seeks to draw people's attention to the plight of an oppressed foreign minority. That is

The advertisement about fundraising for Israel seeks to set one section of Her Majesty's subjects against another. That is sedition. That, Sir, is the difference. Yours sincerely, S. SOLOMONS, 18 Harvist Road, NW6,

Transplants: medical reservations

From Professor H. E. de Wardener Sir, I write about your Medical Correspondent's tendentious article about dialysis and transplantation (December 16). He supports a suggestion that emphasis should now be switched from dialysis to now be switched from dialysis to transplantation because, though it is a "draconic solution . . . it makes social, economic and medical sense". The coocept of social sense is a slippery one. In this context it presumably means that the community's representative, the unfortunate medical administrator, may coodern to death a sick individual if the healthy community considers it economically expedient to do so. In medicine this is e direct economical In medicine this is e direct eocour-agement to private practica. And in the treatment of terminal recal failure private practice would he a retrograde step giving rise to social nonsense. I would like to refute Dr Smith's special pleading by speak-ing up for the individual parient.

The mortality rate of patients transplanted with kidneys obtained from the dead is nearly twice as great as that of patients dialysed at home. In addition the death rate of those who have had an unsuccessful transplant and who have then been returned to dialysis is three times greater during the following times greater during the following year than in those on dialysis who bave oever been transplanted. And these deaths occur in the young, that is those who do best on dialysis. The mortality associated with traosplanning patients over the age of 45 is such that this practice has almost been discootinued. Transplantation no longer saves lives. Its present contribution is to offer to those on dialysis a measure of freedom at the cost of an increased mortality. It makes no medical sense to suggest that transplantation should tend to

replace dialysis. Neither does it make any economic sense. There bave been several attempts in find out the true cost of transplantation. There is general agreement that this is difficult, but that there is probably little differenca between the cost of dialysis and transplantation. About half the parients who are transplented die within the next three years. Their death is often preceded by a long, expensive period of morbidity, during which they are in and out of hospital. And in contrast to your correspondent's assumption, a transplant team which includes all those needed to mouitor the immunological aspects of the situation tends to be as numerous for e smaller number of patients than the team needed to dialyse a great many ream needed to dialyse a great many more patients at home. The only unarguable economic advantage of transplantation over dialysis is that transplantation keeps down the number of patients in need of confining ettertion.

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Doctors, including some transplant surgeons, are by no means of one mind about cadaveric transplantation. The morbidity and mortality it causes in young people who, until the operation, were relatively well have considerably dwindled their initial enthusiasm. Some wonder if it is ethical to con-

tioue. And the majority of doctors find it distasteful and painful to barass e receotly bereaved (or about to be bereaved) person to ask for their permission to use their relative's kidneys for transplantatioo. There is oo doubt that cadaveric transplantation bas a place in the present day treatment of terminal renal failure. The size of the place is beiog restraiced by many facmrs; these ioclude the unsuitability of many patients for transplantation, the unwillingness of some patients many patients for transplantation, the unwillingness of some patients to be transplanted, and the number of cadaveric kidneys available.

Until the results improve there is a good case to be made out thet the present scale of cadaveric transplantation should be restrained in favour of dialysis, which is at present the better treatment for the patient. In the meantime I would suggest that more publicity and

suggest that more publicity and attention should he given to the excellent results of transplantation from related donors which are as good as those of perients on home dialysis. If this information were more widely disseminated, potential related donors might be more in clined to donate a kidney. And the medical profession might be more sympethetic to transplantation. Yours faithfully, HUGH de WARDENER, Department of Medicine, Charing Cross Hospital Medical

Fulbam Palace Road, W6.

From the Secratory of tha Medical Defence Union

Medical Defence Union

Sir, Your Legal Correspondent,
Marcel Berlins, in an article on
trensplants (December 16) "Why
doctors refuse to operate", attributes ona of the reasons to the
restrictive interpretation of the
Human Tissue Act 1961 by the Medical Defence Union.

cal Defence Union.

The unioo's views were formed only after e great deal of work had been dooe on this subject and after expert medical and legal advice had been taken including the opinion of two leading counsel.

The point at issue is who is "the person lawfully in possession of the body", for he is the one who has power to authorize the removal of any part for transplants. When a any part for transplants. When a any part for transplants. When a patient dies in hospital, the union is advised that it is the executor or next of kin. The opposing view is that it is the hospital authority until the relatives claim the body. This is an expedient view which would certainly coable hospitek to obtain more kidneys for transplants, but is it what Parliament intended

ontain more ridneys for transplants, but is it what Parliament inteoded or indeed bow reletives would like their deceased to be dealt with?

The union balieves that the right solution is to clarify the law, and this would give Parliament the opportunity to their while onlying and portunity to test public opinion and decide between the interests of the bereaved relatives and the needs of those who are dving from lack of organs for transplants.

ours faithfully, W. BROOKE BARNETT, Secretary.
The Medical Defence Union,
3 Devooshire Place, W1.

Re-marriage of divorcees

From the Bishop of Leicester Sir, The General Synod of the Church of Eogland has now three times, rightly or wrongly, expressed its unwilliogness to go forward towards the re-marriage of divorced persons in church. It is understandable that some, who, in the modern fashion, cannot accept the umpire's decision, should use your columns to repeat arguments that failed to achieve their objectives in the

Syood. I write merely because your readers might get tha impression, from the frequency of their cootri-butions, thet there is only one side to this very difficult matter. Yours faithfully, RONALD LEICESTER, Bisbop's Lodge, Springfield Road, Leicester. December 15.

From Sir Victor Goddard Sir, The Bishop of Kingston bas said (December 13) much that the

" Orthodox churches and mainstream of Protestant churches" would expect a hisbop to say. What be bas not said seems to me and, I suppose, to Heather Jenner, to be more important. One could hardly expect a bisbop to say that God does not join together a large proportion of those whom ministers pronounce to be joined together.

It may be a pity that the C. of E. wording is not "whom God hath joined together man cannot put: asunder". But the bisbop might et; least have mentioned that many who are married are given the grace and strength to make their marriages, valid and lasting by a power that is more than burnan. Those who do not echieve that sbould be allowed to iovoke the aid of the church in trying again, but preferably without swearing to permanency. There is an admonition attributed to Jesus, Swear not at all, neither by Heaven . . . nor by Earth . . . ". Yours faithfully, VICTOR GODDARD,

Brasted, Westerham, Keot.

Upheaval in Ethiopia From Lord Avon and others

Sir, Recent events in Ethiopia, culmineting in the execution of large numbers of promioent persons, beve created greve personal and financial problems for some of their dependants in this country and other perts of Europe. Among these unfortunate and wholly innocent victims of the upheavals in Ethiopia are students. other persons under training as well as a few who are uneble to gain eccess to their resources. The undersigned feel that there must be many people in this country who bave enjoyed the friendship of the Ethiopian people, visited thet beautiful country or served there during the war and wbo now wish to come to

the aid of some of these Ethiopians
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raceived by: Dr G. E. W. Wolstenholme, OBE, 41 Portland Place, London W1N 4BN. Yours faithfully,

AVON, HUGH ASTOR, BERNARD BRAINE, EDWIN CHAPMAN-ANDREWS, MALCOLM LYELL, EDWARD ULLENDORFF, G. E. W. WOLSTENHOLME. Chairman,

Emergency Fund for Ethiopians in the United Kingdom. 41 Portland Place, W1.

Terms of NHS contract From the Secretary of the British

Medical Association Sir, While largely agreeing with Michael Rose (*The Times*, Decem-ber 16), I must take issue with his statement that the profession's "negotiating representatives have been exclusively occupied with consultant salaries while the hospital service is declining . . .".

That the hospital service is de-

clining is well known to anyone working in the National Health Service: and the profession's negotiators, ie, the British Medical Association, have been warning successive Governments of this for years. At

last the public are beginning m realize whet is bappening. Coosultants in our seriously underfioanced Health Service, who have for so loog worked under steadily deteriorating conditions, with an open-ended contract allowing an ever-increasing workload with insufficient reward, are now coming out with the facts and speaking their mind. It is the basic terms of the NHS contract that they are fighting:

to improve, in the face of Govern-ment proposals which threaten the

independence of medicine in this

But Mr Rose need only turn to the British Medical Journal of November 2 where, together with uur sister professions, we call for an independent inquiry into the financing of the NHS, to see that this association is fighting not only for better pay and terms of service for their members but also for the conditions in which they work, ie, a viable National Health Service. Yours faithfully, DEREK STEVENSON. Secretary, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, WC1.

Garbo in slow motion From Mr Paul Rotha

Sir, In the many current reviews of the revival of Pabsy's historically important film, The Joyless Street, none of our film critics hes referred to the fact that all Miss Greta Garbo's scenes were made io slow motion because of her gauche, immature talent of acting at that-time. In all the scanes in which she appeared, the other experienced actors speeded up their movements

to match hars. This information I had from Herr Pahsr himself and from Herr Willi Haass, scriptwriter on the film, who was present during all the filming. At the time I wrote of Miss Garbo's performance as "cool as an Archic ice-flower" (vide: Film Till Now. 1930).

Yours, etc. PAUL ROTHA. 140 Narbeth Drive. Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 18: His Excellency Mr Jaime Zobel de Ayala and Mrs Zobel de Ayala were received in førewell audience by The Queen this morning and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of the Philippines to the Court of St James's.

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.30 o'clock this afternoon.

There were present: the Right Hon Edward Short, MP (Lord President), the Lord Shepherd (Lord Privy Seal), the Right Hon John Morris, MP (Secretary of State for Walesi, the Right Hon State for Wales), the Right Hon Barhara Castle. MP (Secretary of State for Social Services), the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), the Right Hon Eric Varley, MP (Secretary of State for Energy), the Right Hon Frederick Peart, MP (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and the Right Hon Samuel Silkin, MP (Attoroey General). MP (Attoroey General).

The Lord Fraser (a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland was sworn in a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy

Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance ss Clerk of the Council. The Right Hon Edward Short, MP had an audlence of The Queen before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh was entertained at luncheon today by the National Coat Board at Hobart House, Grosvenor Place. Major Henry Hogb Smith was in

His Royal Highness, as Patron and Twelfth Man, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the Lord's Taverners County Championship Trophy to the Wor-cestershire County Cricket Club.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 18: The Duke of Kent, as Patron, and The Duchess of Kent were present this evening at the Christmas Concert of the Leukaemia Research Fund at the Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, and Mrs Alan Hen-derson were in attendance.

Mrs Marie Gulhenkian sends affectiooate greenings to all her friends for Chrismas and 1975. Because of the French postal strike she is not sending any cards. The Hellenic Society of Profes-

sional People and Scientists lo Great Britain has arranged a piano recital in aid of the refugees of Cyprus, to be given by Mr Christodoulos Georgiades at the New Gallery, Regent Street, on January 8, 1973. Mr and Mrs Neville Stidolph wish all their friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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Marriages Mr A. B. J. Lennox and Miss A. Richli

The marriage took place in Thronto, on Wednesday, Decem-ber 4, of Mr Andrew Bjorn James Lennux, only soo of Mr and Mrs Francis Lennox, of Florida and Toronto, and Miss Alexandra Richii, youngest daughter of the late Mr Paul Raymond Richli and of Lady Hardie, of Ramatuelle and Paris. The couple will live in

Mr R. R. Page and Miss L. Wagner

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 14, at the Queen's Chapel at St James's, of Queen's Chapet at St James's, of Mr Robert Page and Miss Lucy Wagner. Canon J. S. D. Mansel officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Sir Anthony Wagner, was attended by Miss Kathleen Page. Mr Michael Page was best man. A reception was held at Vintners'

Mr W. A. Broughton and Mrs M. I. Dolleman-Farnborough The marriage took place on Friday December 13, at Guildhall, London between Mr Andrew Broughton and Mrs Margaret Oolleman-Farnborough.

Mr D. J. Hodgson and Miss S. A. Lancaster The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday hetween Mr Douglas John Hodgson and Miss

Luncheons

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon at 10 Downing Street for the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. The other guests were: High Commissioner for Meuritius, Roy Mason, MP, Mr Fred Pearl, Mr P, Wright, Mr J, T, W, Haines Mr F, M, Kearns.

Diplomatic and Commonwealth

The Spanish Amhassador was guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain. Mr John Dickle, president of the association, was in the chair.

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Lincoln's Inn Mr D. B. McNeill, QC, and Mr D. H. Mervyn Davies, QC, have been elected Benchers of Liocoln's lan.

Mr John Bowte, 69; Sir Charles
Duke, 69; Viscount Head, 68;
Professor T. H. Marshall, 21;
Brigadier C. G. Martin, VC, 83;
Sir Andrew Murray, 71; Sir
William Murrle, 71; Professor
Arthur Newell, 89; Count Edward
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the engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place hetween Hugh George Balfour, of Oaklands, near Edenbridge, Kent, and Bertha Rin, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs F. V. C. Livingstone-Learmonth.

of Wheatley, Oxford, widow of Donald L. Griswold, of New York State, United States.

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Blum, of the Commission of the European Communities, 200 rue de la Loi, Brussels, and Ann Elizabeth Winterborrom, only child of Mr and Mrs H. G. Hudson, of Stanfield Hall, Wymundbam, Norfolk.

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A marriage has heen srranged,
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marriages

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Alfred Bates, MP for Bebington and Ellesmere Port to be parliamentary private secretary to Mr Brian O'Malley, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Security.

Dr Jonathan Miller, playwright and drama director, and Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, arts editor of the New Statesman, to be mem-bers of the Arts Council.

Provost of Cumbrae

The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles is resigning as Provost of the College and Church of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae. He has appointed the Rev Graham Pilkingham, Rector of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Houston, Texas, and leader of the Community of Celebration, Yeldall Manor, Hare Hatch, Berkshire, to be provost from January 1.

The Rev Dr Paul Felton, a member of the community, will assist the provost, especially in the pastoral care of the congregation in Millport.

Birthdays today

Lady Burt, of Oulwich, obstetrician, and synaecologist, widow of Sir Cyril Burt, the psychologist, left £58,692 net (duty paid, £5,546). She left £2,000 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Other estates include (net, hefore duty pald; further duty may be payable on some estates): Saltmarsh, Mr John, of Cambridge, fellow of King's College (duty paid, £19,473)

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Peter Liddell, of Warwick-on-Eden,
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Dartmouth passing-out | University news Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore, Oxford Chief of the Naval Staff and First Latest appointments include: Sea Lord, took the salute on Monday when the following officers under training passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College,

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Whalley, R. E. Williams, D. Wood,
R. L. Wood, T. R. Varrow, N. J.
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Mr O. J. B. Prince-White and Miss M. J. Crill The engagement is announced be-tween Oliver James Bewsher, son of Mr and Mrs F. G. Prince-White, of Soberton, Hampshire, and Mary Jacqueline, daughter of Cnuman-der and Mrs C. G. Crill, of Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire.

Dr C. O. Newton and Miss K. A. Moore

Mr A. D. Black and Miss G. E. Bragg

Mr R. Bothwell

Mr R. A. Cameron

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het men Andrew, son of the late Mr E. B. Black and Mrs Black, of Coggesball, Essex, and Gwendy Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. G. Bragg, of Sutton,

and Miss C. Fleming
The engagement is announced hetween Robert, eldest son of Commander J. H. Bothwell, USN (ret), Athens, and Mrs J. H. Bothwell, Coronado, California, and Carole, eldest daughter of Mr

and Mrs A. Fleming, London, W6.

Mr R. A. Cameron and Miss A. Snelling
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs R. B. Cameron, The Sbeiling, Balerno, Midlothian, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Snelling, of Brancaster Staithe, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

and Miss H. E. Buckennam
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, elder soo of
Commander and Mrs G. K.
Horsey, of Penpark, Bickington,
Newton Ahnot, Devon, and Helen

Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Buckenham, of Cobblers Stock, Essex.

Mr N. C. Lewis
and Miss K. M. Payne
The engagement is announced
hetween Nicholas Charles, soo of
Mr and Mrs S. E. Lewis, of
Ealing, London, and Katharine
Mary, eldest daughter of the Rev
C. D. and Mrs Payne, of All
Saints' Vicarage, Wellingborough,
Northamptonshire.

The engagement is announced between Cleland, only son of Mr and Mrs F. C. Newton, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Katharine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs A. C. Moore, of Malvern Link, Worcestersblue

Mr A. K. Horsey and Miss H. E. Buckenham

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE: H. C. Dewkins, NA. OPhil, university lecturer in statistical mathods in blology, to a follow-skip.

Latest awards loclude:

ST HILDA'S COLLEGE, Scholarships: Agnes Leys scholarship: philosophy and modern languages. Mary C. Barnbrough, Long Road Sixth Form C. Cambrodge, Leng Road Sixth Form G. Cambrodge, Helen Mary Alien scholarship, elassics, Allson G. Classe. Laurel Sank S. and Westminster Truors: Richardson-Evane Legisland Barnel Cambrodge, Long Languages and G. A. Kolkholmotern Languages and S. Harrison scholarship. English, Jane S. Whileshead, Marchester HS. Exhibitions: Beliby axhibition, philosophy, politics, economics, Jayns B. Almond, Roedean S; Harrison exhibition, nodern languages, Surab-Jill Lennerd, Cilton H2: Lilko Bloke exhibition, modern languages, Surab-Jill Lennerd, Cilton H2: Lilko Bloke exhibition, modern languages, Surab-Jill Lennerd, Cilton H2: Lilko Bloke exhibition, modern languages, Surab-Jill Lennerd, Cilton H2: Lilko Bloke exhibition, chassics, Allson Jane Newey, Wimbledon H5: Noffield exhibition, modern languages. Roealind A. Ramage, Weilington C: Heien Mary Alien Exhibition, rialsh, Marmarst A. Rochester, Harrogaid CS. D. K. Broster Exhibition, oldern history, Serah E. Trige, Ray-Latest awards luclude :

Today's engagements The Duke of Edinhurgh, as president of Naconal Playing Fields Association, attends world premiere of The Man with the Golden Gun, in aid of the association, Stars Organization for Spastics, and Variety Club Heart Fund. Odeon, Leicester Square, 8.15.

Princess Margaret, as president.

Square, 8.15.
Princess Margaret, as president, attends premiere of Huns Christian Andersen, in aid of lovalid Children's Aid Association. London Palladlum, 2.40. English Sculpture 1600-1850, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 10-6.
HMS Beifast, floating naval museum, Pnol of London, 11-6. Blessing of crib and carols, St. Margaret Pattens church, East-cheap, City, 1.15.

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, December 19, 1949.

Professor S. C. Littlechild, BCom, PhD, professor of applied ecoco-mics at Aston University, has been appointed to the chair of com-merce and headship of the depart-ment of industrial economics and

E. D. Megaw, MSc, PhD. 2A (Caniab), 10 be lacturer in engineering production.

aludes.

S. Sen. MA (Calcutta). To be lecturer in mathamatical economics.

J. F. Weles, LLa (Cantab). Or Jur (Vierna). Licence i drussels; end S. F. R. Coldhem. 3A (Oxon). MA (Lond). to be locturers in law.

This pair of French flintlock

presentation pistols by Bontet was sold at Christie's yesterday

Downside Abbey

Birmingham

business studies.

The main structure of the new House of Commons has now been completed and, although much scaffolding remains around the scaffolding remains around the interior walls and galleries, the general layout of the chamber and of the rooms for members is becoming clearly defined. The ceiling panelling is finished, the stone-massos are at work, and the wood carving in the division lobbies is going forward.

A great amount of internal work.

A great amount of internal work —tesong, furnishing, and equipping—has yet to be done, but the new building is expected to be ready for use in the autumn of

Science report

Nuclear energy: 'Dynamic analysis'

mitted to the Department of Evergy and the Central Electricity Generating Board. It has been prepared by Dr John Price, of Earth Resources Research, a or Larin Resources Research, a conservation group associated with the Friends of the Earth, in collaboration with Dr Peter Chapman, of the energy research group, Open University, and Mr Gerald Lesch, of the International Institute for Environment and Development

Dr Price has adopted a new type of analysis in assessing fuel reserves which has come into prominence only since the energy pronumence only since the energy crisis. Some government departments are developing the same procedures for making policies to conserve energy. The technique replaces traditional accountancy to prepare energy budgets so that all the energy resources involved io operating, say, a nuclear power station, are calculated.

Or Price presented his findings at a meeting lo London yesterday, at which separate papers on the nuclear energy situation were given by Dr Chapman and Mr Losch Leach.

The application of this so-called "dynamic energy analysis" to nuclear power starts with official projections by the Cantral Electric made for the factors influence.

A large nuclear-power programme as a replacement for oil would absorb more energy than it produced, according to a report submitted to the Department of the number of atomic power work and the construction number of atomic power work and the creation of long. smioos needed to help meet the

standos needed to herp meet die forecast.

The effect of a big nuclear development programme depends on the rate at which new powers stations are hult, and that varies for different countries. The French have to double the number of the programme of the program French have to double the number of nuclear stations to be huilt over the next 20 to 25 years to fulfil estimates. In the United States the number doubles every two and a half years. The present British proposals would mean a doubling every four and one-third years. Such rapid expansion comes by trying simultaneously to provide a substitute as quickly as possible for oil and coal and to increase generating capacity for the expected contioned rise in demand for electricity.

demand for electricity.

The first stage of the analysis is to make a type of calculation that is likely to come into wide-spread use over the next few years in discussions of many energy matters. It involves working out ing the most ran energy rano, or, in the case of a single nuriear reactor, determining the ratio of the energy produced io its lifetime to the energy cost in its construction by Pearce Wriging Correct Corrects More elaborate calculations are

stations. Every aspect from uranium mining, ore refining and enrichment to the construction work and the creation of longterm storage for wastes are taken into account.

On Dr Price's evaluation, the energy generated by those plants is not available as useful energy to society because of the large struction programme going. Io the most intensive programmes, such as the French ooe, the consumption of coergy for nuclear development may even exceed the amount being generated by the available atomic stations. Hence, the nuclear programme has to be subsidized by the conventional fossil fuel units.

fossil fuel units.

Dr Price suggests that there is a myth about nuclear fuels providing an infinite source of power. In fact nuclear reactors can only stretch fossil-fuel reserves and never wholly replace them. Taking 30 to 40 years sa short term he sees an energy paraterm, he sees an energy para-dox: the policy probably provid-ing the most net energy in the long run is the most painfully energy consumptive in the short term, when energy supplies are already limited. By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent

OBITUARY MR ARPAD PLESCH

Firearms

better than

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's yesterday sold a pair of fine Boutet pistols for \$31,500 (estimate 520,000) to an American

collector. They came to Christie's from Prance, sent for sale by the Baron de Bourayne. According to

by Napolean for his naval prowess,

he was also in favour under the ancien régime and later under

without a case.

A pair of French flintlock holster pistols of about 1670 hy
Thoreune of Paris which had made

expected

prices

Financier and racehorse owner Mr Arpad Plesch, the Hun-garian-born lawyer, financier instance, its decision was in and raceborse owner, died in turn reversed by the House n

London on Monday. He was 85. At his estate at Beaulieu in the South of France he had assembled a very fine collection of rare plants and a library of hotanical books of rare quality. His love of trees and plants was reflected in the names given to his horses. He was educated at the Uoi-

family tradition they were pre-sented to the Baron Joseph-Cesar de Bourayne by the traders of Mauritus in 1808. Created a baron versity of Budapest and other European universities, hecame a doctor of law and before the Second World War had become Louis XVIII.

Boutet, gunmaker to Napoleon, is considered one of the greatest exponents of his trade of any era. a demonstrably successful financier and adviser on investment. Much of his fortune is believed to have come from Cuban sugar Abost of his pistols come in special cases with superh accessories in addition to the arms themselves; resterday's price is particularly notable in that the pistols were but he was never content to confine his husiness activities to one particular field. After the war he invested in Japanese industry at a time when Japan was still finding ber feet after the disasters which had hit her.

\$10,500 at Sothehy's some eighteen months ago were bought in at \$11,550 (estimate \$8,000). In his financial operations Some other arms that had been recently on the market also failed to find huyers but the general level of prices, especially for English arms, was hetter than Arpad Plesch was a great believer in gold as the hest "hedge" against inflation and devaluations. In the 1930s, following the depression and the abandonment of the Gold Stanexpected.
Christie's were also selling clocks and scientific instruments. The top price was 52,152.50 (estimate £1,500-£2,000) for a late-seventeenth-century month-going manufacture for the seventeenth longuist clock hy dard, he held large numbers of honds containing "gold clauses" to the effect that the marte 11,300-12,000 to seventeenth-century month-going marquery longcase clock by Nathaniel Barrow, of London. A walnut longcase clock by Joseph Kmibb was unsold at 16,300 (estimate 16,000-18,000).

A sale of portrait miniatures and objects of vertu somewhat contradicted the disastrous results of Sotheby's miniature sale on Monday. Two charming miniatures of the Skeffington family in sporting poses by George Engleheart, estimated to fetch 5600 each, went for 11,680 and 11,155. The message seemed to be that miniatures that had not been seen on the market for 5 to 10 years were in as much demand as ever; face value and interest were to he redeemable in gold coin or he redeemable in gold coin or in currency equivalent to the value of gold. In particular, he was the holder of a large block of convertible "gold notes" issued by the British government in 1917 redeemable in New York or London. However, gold clauses had by then been declared contrary to the public policy of the United States by a resolution of Congress. In s resolution of Congress. In s famous piece of litigation Arpad Plesch (acting through a trustee on hehalf of the hond bolders) accordingly brought an action against the Crown to pay to him the face value of the bonds were in as much demand as ever; it is overfamiliar faces that are

it is overnaminar faces that are being shinned.
Sotheby's beld a mixed sale of paintings. A large canvas depicting a woman in oriental costume riding a camel, catalogued as "French School, Eighteenth Century". ferined 59,200. They also held a sale of Japanese swords and armour and another sale of netsuke value of fine gold prescribed by the law of the United States in 1917. While this action proceeded through the courts he published

and the accumulated interest in

London at a rate equal to the

Lords in 1937 on the ground that the bonds were governer by the law of the United States In the result the Crown was a only held lisble to redeem the bonds at their face value. Bu he never ceased to helieve tha the decision should have gon1 the other way, in which case as he often used to say, hwould have been the riches man in the world at the time of He was a well known breede it

and owner of racehorses in Europe and the United State . His greatest success in this country was with Psidium, wh carried his wife's colours in th

1961 Derby.
Her grandfather had won th
1876 Epsom race with Kisper Psidium's triumph was a men orable occasion for the firs three horses that year were al owned by women and his 66starting price was the longes for a winner of the Derby sinc the sensational disqualification of Craganour in favour n

Aboyeur in 1913.

It was in 1954 that Plesch made his first impact on the racing scene when he bough racing scene when he bough several yearlings at the New market sales. Among them was Stephanotis, destined to win sirraces among them the Cam bridgeshire Handicap. In the following year at the suggesting the suggestion of the suggestion following year at the suggestion of Mime Counturie, the French breeder, he bought from her the Italian brood mare Dinarelliand it was from her mating with Pardal at his Dollanstown stud in co Kildare that he bree Psidium.

At various times he have horses in training here with Sin Gordon Richards and Mr Harry Wragg and also with several trainers in Ireland, France, Italy and the United States. In 1962 he announced that his racing interests would be centred in France and 14 yearlings were sent there to François Mathet whose partnership with Mme Suzy Volterra had just been dissolved. However, he still kept a few horses in training with Mr Wragg at Newmarket He won many big prizes in France with such champions as Sassafras (Prix du Jockey Club two volumes of commentaries Sassafras (Prix du Jockey Club and extracts from judgments and Prix de l'Arc de Triomple) and Prix de l'Arc de Triomple) with Amher Rama (Prix Robert ever, although the Court of Papin and the Prix Morny) and Appeal decided in his favour in with Saraca (Prix Vermeille). Papin and the Prix Morny) and

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. W. C. NOEL

A Correspondent writes:

Lieutenant Colonel Edward William Charles Noel, CIE, DSO, of the old Indian Political Service, who has died at the age of 88, was the eldest son of Lieotenant Colonel Edward Noel Rifle Brigade, younger son of the second Earl of Gainsborough. Born in April 1386, he was a man of fabulous achievement during and after the First World War in Mesopotamia:

Dom John Roberts has been elected Abbot of Downside io succession to Com Wilfrid Passmore, whose term of office has ended. From the Royal Artillery he joiced the Indian Army and thereafter took his annual leaves in Persla. His entry into the Political Department resul-OARWIN. COLLECE: J. S. Turner, Trinity College, MSc 15ydner). PhD, reader in geophysical fluid dynamics and P. F. Friend, Gonville and Calus Conege, MA, PhD, university lecturer in geology, have been elected orselectors and fellows. the British Resident in the Per-sian Gulf, travelling in a part of Persia prohibited to British officers. He spent the remain-der of his leave doing cyphers and translations in the resi-

dency. When war broke out in 1914 he had become a fluent Persian linguist and was just the person to deal with the machinations of Herr Wassmuss, the German agent, and his assoctates, who were doing their utmost to turn the tribesmen against the British in the area iton.

M. Saihvamoorihy, EE. MTech, PhD
IIT Nadrel, to be research fallow in
mschanical engineering.

S. M. Wood, MD. MA. aChir (Caolebt, to be icciorsr in obstetrics and
symacology.

A. Eastham, BA (Manc), MA (Kent),
to ba lecturer in local government
aludies.

S. Sen, MA (Calcula, in he lecturer. of the oilfields, to protect which was one of our main reasons for landing a force at Basra.

Noel succeeded in capturing Wassmuss and the whole of his party after a series of forced marches. The late Sir Arnold Wilson wrote of "his tireless energy and amazingly rapid movements which model movements which made his

name a household word through-out the Karun Valley

Wilson also tells how 100

Cossacks rnde 200 miles through Cossacks rade 200 miles through the mountains from Kerman-shab to make contact with the British Army. For their enter-taioment a Russian merchant provided dinner and some ex-

DAME KATHLEEN COURTNEY

May I add a note to your draining of Dame admirable obituary of Dame Kathleen Courtney? Between the wars, Dame Kathleen was the friend, colleague and natural successor of the great American women's leader, Jane Addams. At the Geneva Disarmament Conference in 1932, and io the preceding years, she was the moving spirit in what I think was called the Women's International Peace and Disarmament Committee, a body which coordinated the action of all the large women's movements and which organized their magnifi-

Geneva Conference. There were worldwide petitions with many scores of millions of signatures, high level deputations, high-grade comments and memoranda on disarmament policy and the proceedings in the conference. In 1932 Dame Kathleen was indeed a commanding figure in Geneva. and her influence spread to all the continents.

cent demonstrations in the

Dame Kathleen's work for women's rights was no less outatanding than her work for the League of Nations, disarmament and the United Nations. No doubt aided by ber great peraonal beauty, she was a powerful platform speaker in the early Suffrage days. In 1968, when she was 90, she

took part in a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the grant of votes for women. At a packed meeting to Westminster, with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition also speaking, her speech was, by common accord, the event of the

cellent vodka. Noel who was a Russian scholar, managed 10 produce a collection of gramo-pinone records in Russian in cluding the Cossacks' own regimental march.

While on one of his wanderings Noel attached himself in a British party taking a trainload of ammunition by Baku through the Bolshevik liges to Tiflis. His knowledge of lan-guages proved invaluable For this exploit he was awarded the

DSO. In 1918 a British force under General Dunsterville (Kipling's Stalky) got as far as Baku oo the Caspian. Consequently the British had to take respon hility for control of the area herweeo Khaniqin and Enzeli. Noel was one of the officers chosen for this difficult task While trying to reach General Dunsterville he was captured by Jangali tribesmen and held prisoner from March to August 1918, in a "vermin infested prison, loaded with chains", to

quote Wilson again. This treatment was a tribute to his reputation for Ingenuity and bravery. Released after the Armistice, he was selected for employment in Kurdistan to deal with problems of great complexity which continue to

this day.

The key to Noel's character The key to Noel's character was that if anything was said to be impossible he had to have a go" at it. Once he hicycled from Baghdad to England, sleeping in Arab ham lets and Beduin camps. His only complaint was that when he bag said a formal farewell to his local courteous host, every hoy in the place was waiting round the place was waiting round the corner for a ride on his cycle He travelled free throughou Persia on lorries and trucks he cause he sat next to the drive: and kept him awake with wor

SIR DOUGLAS MENZIES

Mr Philip Noel-Baker writes: Lord Wilberforce writes: I would like, on hehalf f and his many friends and admires in this country, to add to te brief notice in Monday's Tr Times of his death of to Right Hon Sir Oouglas Me-He was an outstandg

derful Persian tales.

member of the High Court i Court, under Sir Owen Dio and now Sir Garfield Barw. His judgments had a quality freshness and lucidity wih immediately attracted e reader. He was prepared toe a little irreverent to esplished doctrines, but alwayo constructive direction : le often dissented but one wid not label him a natural senter.

Sitting as he did on seal occasions with his Jucal Committee of his Privy (ncil, be was an admirable ca-gue, challeoging easy assp-tions and vigorous in pult

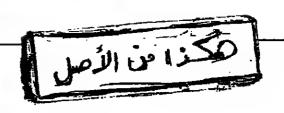
Most people here ill remember him off the Bh, where Doug was the heof company, always the soul a party, with a true Austin vitality and wit, and in fi-tion a deep love of naturid

Major Arthur Francia Ce-Jervoise, a Deputy Lieunt for Hampshire and High aff of the county in 1951, dan

Doctor Ahhas Ammaormerly deputy Director (-al of the International ur Organization, was founded on Sunday at an him Khartoum. He was 70.

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BUSINESS NEWS





for CONSTRUCTION

Inresholds give harp boost o wage inflation n November

WAGES

ior all manual workars in all

industries and services and for averaga earnings of all am-ployees in all industrias and services in Great Britain covered

by the monthly earnings inquiry raleased by the Department of Employment yesterday.

Average earnings (Jan 1970 = 100]

156.8 164.3 164.7 169.6 176.2 181.8

189.2 191.4 p

triggered

The November earnings are

thus likely to ahow some reversal of the downward trend

as threshold payments made after August begin to have an

with the downturn in industrial output, overtime and bonnses

have also been sharply re-duced, and this could be having

a meterial influence on average

earnings.
Although Mr Michael Foot

the Secretary of State for Employment is expected to put up a forceful defence of the social contract in the Commons economic debate, his critics will be a social contract of the social contract in the commons economic debate, his critics will be a social contract debate.

bave been provided with sub-stantial ammunition by the

trade union negotiators are attempting to anticipate the future rate of inflation in their wage demands rather than simply obtain compensation for

These clearly suggest that

The local authority manual

workers, who traditionally set the pace in each annual round

of negotiations, have already

won a wage award which, al-though aubstantial falls inside

the guidelioes of the social coo-tract because of the low pay io

If other groups attempt to get similar increases they will almost certainly breach the

But, it is also possible that

NA.

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131.9

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Not eessonally adjusted. These figures reliect i reduction in earnings bec

consequently month.

latest figures.

that sector.

April May June

Nov

Melvyn Westiake Jage inflation accelerated rply last month as weekly packets were boosted by the threshold

hese payments, triggered by large October jump in the ill price index, have resulted one of the biggest monthly s in hasic weekly wage rates e records began to be com-d in 1947.

fficial figures published erday by the Department of ployment show a 3.4 per trise to the todex of weekly during November, to 152.4 72 = 100). bis iodex, which covers

ral million manual workers see pay is determined by ooal collective agreements, now risen by 26.4 per centing the last 12 months. owever, about three-quarters ast month's rise in pay rates directly attributable to the st three threshold peyual workers were received wage packets et the end of ember.

icreases for drivers of ish Rail and for workere in building, brick and allied istries were a further amel! xibutory fector.

et, even allowing for the epionally large impact last to of threshold payments, the were introduced a year ler as part of the Phase er restraint programme of Heath's Government, the of wage infletion appears be accelerating at an

the first four months of effective life of the social ract-from the end of July se eod of November-basic kly rates of wages rose at mnual rate of 32 per cent, th is about twice the rate of eese io prices.

ither less than e quarter of 32 per ceot rise would t to be estributable to the threshold payments trig-d off since the heginning of off since the hegining to social contract.

contrest with the wage s, the index of average lings, which includes overand bonuses, bas shown a nward trend in recent

earnings for the the iodex rose by just ler 1.2 per cent in October nings information lags a th behind wage rates) to 4.

There are now a large number of wage demands pending, including the miners, electricity supply manual workers, post office employees and car

leasured as a percentage age over the previous three ths, average earnings have so steadily from an annual of 48.5 per cent in July, to per cent in October.
his trend has heen partly
uenced by the fact that the
ther earnings only reflect
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there are no to the fact that the fact th at of Mr Denis Healey's mini-Budget measures. threshold payments were

for crisis warning to workers By Malcolm Brown Industrial leaders last night

issued an urgent appeal to the Government and the trade nnions to help them get it across to the man on the shop floor that, unless wags claims are moderated the country could face disputer. face disaster.

After the December meeting The lollowing are tha indax numbers for basic rates ol wagas

CBI appeals

of the Grand Council of the Confederation of British Industry Mr Campbell Adamson, the director-general, said that the consequences of failure would be greater inflation, increasing unemployment, more bankrupties and even a breakdown in

cies, and even a breakdown in the fabric of society.

If the lessons did not get ecross employees would suffer a reduction in real earnings, housewives would find themhousewives would find them-selves facing increasing short-ages in the shops, and prices would inevitably rise.

"If thiogs continue in this way only one thing happena", Mr Ademson said, "we shall all

hecome poorer." The country was already living "on tick" to the extent of ehout six per cent of the standard of living. Belts must he rightened

The CB1 Grand Council, he said, wanted to make it clear that it saw now an inflationary aituation which had reached the gravest proportions. The country had a real crisis on its gravest hands.

Prices were no longer being pushed up by imports and oil, but by domestic factors over which we bad control—particu-larly if increases in incomes were matched by increases in Companies wanted to be able to sell their products and invest in new plant and

mechinery. But many companies had told the confederation that they could no longer consider new investment plans if they could not celculate ahead on the rate of inflation

BRS to raise haulage rates

by 25 per cent

By Clifford Webb

British Road Services, the largest haulage company in the country, is increasing its rates by 25 per cent almost immediately. The more will inevitably lead to a further round of price lead to a further round of price increases by the manufacturing industries which comprise the bulk of BRS customers. Mr Kenneth Cook

director of Midlands BRS said yesterday: "We have never asked for an increase of this size before. It is quite horrific but we have no alternative.
"During the past 12 months the cost of operating vehicles and equipment has risen by more than 30 per cent, of which 16 per cent has occurred since July. There have been increases in the order of 131 per cent for some truck apares and even higher for some of our foreign vehicles." To enable industry to give

contract. Leading article, page 15 firm quotations to customers, BRS are regarding the 25 per cent increase as a basic rate which will apply for the next

US minister predicts end of official gold price

From Frank Vogl

Mr Jack Bennert, UnderSecretary for Mooetary Affairs
at the United States Treasury,
says it is highly probabla that
the Administration will propose
legislation to Congress next
year on a packet of monetary
reform measures that will
include the abolition of the
official \$42.22 per ounce gold
price.

Such a move would pave the way for the United States Treasury to revalue its 276 million ouocea of gold reserves in line with free market prices.

Mr Bennett added that he was bopeful that international agreements would shortly be reached permitting the international Monetary Fund to sell add. The price of such cales gold. The aim of such sales would be to increase the 1MF's shility to make soft loans to developing countries.

Finance Ministers of 20 countries will meet here io mid-January in the forum of the Interim Committee of the IMF.

mr. Mr. Bennett now helieves it probable, after summit meetings hetween President Ford end the heads of the Japanese, Canadian, West German and rench Governments, that agreements can be reached at this meeting on petrodollar. this meeting on petrodollar recycling and the role of gold in the monetary system.

Mr Bennett said he was bopeful that agreement would be reached to change the articles

of the IMF so that all references to an official gold price Other changes that were likely to be agreed included abandoning restrictions on what countries do with their gold holdings; abolishing IMF rules concerning official payments in gold; and lifting all impediments in the way of free IMF gold sales.

. He also believed agreement could be reached on increasing quotas of member countries to

the IMF.
The United States, he said, supported quota increases of about 25 per cent, but opposed any revision in quotas that would reduce the American relative strength within the

The Americans support, how-ever, a substantial increase in the relative position of oil-producing countries in the IMF. Without mentioning names, Mr Bennett said he was confident that this could be achieved through some oil-consuming countries accepting lower relative positions in the fund for

Mr Bennett acknowledged that the agreement with the French to allow countries to revalue their gold reserves could play a role in assisting countries finance their pay-ments deficits: Group of Ten's future, page 19

French deficit down France'e trade deficit in the

first 11 months of this year was 16,123m francs (about £1.465m).

one of the accepting houses, the elite group of merchant banks, adding that he could get one His comments, which he sub-sequently said were taken out of context, sparked off a atorm. with Mr Michael Verey, chairman of the Accepting Houses Committee, saying that an accepting house could only he bought if it wished to he bought

which means the figure for the year should be well under 20,000m francs, M Norbert Segard, the French Foreign Trade Minister, said.

Price code widens relief

ciency and protecting jobs, tha Government says.
It follows closely the consul-

tative document published as part of the November Budget.
Tha main modification is an extension of the investment relief
proposals to include capital proposats to incline capital speeding on warehousing as well as on plant, machinery and industrial huilding.

Payments under hire purchase, cradit sale and under

costs.

The Department said yester-day that it had not been able to accept industry's requests to abandon completely price controls and that all increased labour costs should be passed into increased prices.

Lord Stokes gloomy about 1975 as BLMC passes final dividend

After losing £16.6m in the first balf of its last financial year, British Leyland made profits of nearly £19m in the second balf, up to September 30. 17 thus ended the year with a profit of £2.3m hefore tax. However, this modest profit

was only a fraction of the £5t.3m that BL made in the previous year and the group plunged hack into losses again in the first two months of this year, because of strikes.

BL is not paying a final dividend and yesterday Lord Stokes, the chairman, and it was "impossible to be optimized," shout more industry. mistic" ebout motor iudustry prospects in 1975. Levland was a victim of ram-pant inflation as well as strikes and he could not guarantee that there would not be redundan-

cies.

News that BL is passing its final dividend, together with Lord Stokes' sombre assessment of the future prompted a further 4p fall in the share price to 64p yesterday. At this

Bowater

have stake

in finance

By Christopher Wilkins Banking Correspondent

City accepting house.

Bowater Corporation

emerged as the holder of e strategic shareholding in Char-terhouse Group, the financial and industrial concern which

controls Charterbouse Japhet

Over a period of 18 months

last year and in the early part of this year Bowater built up its stake in Charterhouse to almost 10 per cent, just below the level et which it would have

been required to reveal its idenity. The stake has been regis-tered in a nominee name. Recently, however, Charter-house has increased its equity

base as a result of its bid for

Charterhouse Investment Trust, and the Bowater stake bas con-sequently been diluted to just

over 8 per cent. Mr John Vaughan, chairman

of Charterhouse, said yesterday that he dld not know what Bowater's inteotions were in huilding up its holding. Mr Malcolm Horsman, deputy chairman and managing director of Bowater, declined to comment on whether or not

Bowater was the holder However, in September this

year, Mr Horsman admitted in

a controversial interview that he was interested in acquiring

mment on

group

level, BL has an equity value in the stock market of £35½m against this year's highest lavel of 250mt £136m.

BL yesterday rejected what it called the "ill informed criticisms which have been made about the Corporation's management below board level". Asked at a press conference about his own future with the group, Lord Stokes said he would continue to serve it as long as I am wanted".

Although BL made a profit

before tax lest yeer, tax and minority shareholders' pay-ments plus the £15.7m net loss on closing down local maoufacture io Australia, resulted in an overall net loss of £23.9m for overall net loss of £23.9m for the year, against profits of £27.3m the previous year. Industrial disputes and the effects of inflation on materials, lebour and interest charges, raised BL'a costs by £190m lost year though a good deal of this was recovered through price

Industrial disputes had cost the corporation around £100m to lost cash flow stoce BL was formed six years ago. Apart

A row is about to break out between the British Gas Corporation and two French oil

companies over delays in the delivery of gas from the Frigg fields in the Northern North

The French compeoies, Total and Elf. beve told British Gas that because of delays in the

construction of a concrete pro-

duction pletform in Scotland Frigg gas cannot be expected to

British Gas has called special talks with the two companies to remind them they are contracted to hring the gas asbore in 1976.

to bring the gas asbore in 1976.
The corporation is pressing ahead with the construction of reception terminal at St Fergus and an extension of the transmission system so that the new gas supplies can be fed into the UK network.

"We expect to complete these works on schedule by early 1976 when we had originally boped to have the Frigg gas

coming ashore. We do not

come ashore before 1977.

By Roger Vielvoye

British Gas in clash

over N Sea supplies

from the current strike at Triumph, Leyland faced a £16 a week wage claim by workers at the Cowley plant.

BL said vesterday that after
the oil crisis and the three day

week (which caused the interim inss) there had been a "sub-stantial outflow of cash". Taking the view that "two or three tough years" were likely from the end of 1974, EL had cut costs by ceasing to bire new labour and reducing manpower by 10,000 through natural

Although the present cash Although the present cash position was close to the forecast used in a BL presentation to the Department of Industry and to its principal bankers in July bankers bad only recently indicated that they were not prepared at this time to make evailable the necessry additional funds. oal funds.

BL'e total unit sales last year BL'e total unit sales last year fell from 1,161,000 to 1,020,000 end yesterday Lord Stokes said he doubted wbether "econo-mists' forecasts" of around 1.1m total industry sales in the United Kingdom market in 1975 could in fact be met.

have dogged other companies in the development of oil from the Northern North Sea. Work

on the first coocrete produc-tion platform by the McAlpioc,

Sea Tank group has been at a staodsrill for five weeks because of a strike by electricians.

According to the two French companies there is little pros-

pect of the platform being ready to float out during the summer in time for gas production to begin in 1976.

A warning was also given yesterday that American com-

panies were hesitating in reach-

ing decisions on investment in the North Sea would the ques-tion of Government participa-tion and the level of taxation had been resolved. Mr George

Home, deputy managing director of the Royal Bank of Scotland, sald this hesitation could delay oil heing brought ashore.

And in the Middle East British Petroleum and Gulf

Herstatt creditors agree to settlement

Cologne, December 18.—Herstatt creditors have approved an agreed settlement of their claims against the collapsed hank, bringing to a successful conclusion the streouous efforts to avoid benkruptcy proceedings.

Approval came at the end of a 14-hour, emotion-charged mass creditors meeting in the 7,000-seat Cologne indoor sport-stadium. Formal official approvel of the settlement is expected on December 30 and the first payment will go to creditors one month later. The settlement entails the payout of DM11,200m (5210m) to

the 15,000 still-unsatisfied Horstatt creditors. The payment represents quotas of 45 to his per cent for the three classes of individuals and institutions that had money at the Herstatt bank when it collapsed on June 26 after heavy losses in foreign exchange dealings.

The meeting was essentially an extended legal poker game between iosurance magnate Dr Haos Gerling, 84 per cent Her-stati shareholder, and the 2,000 stati shareholder, and the 4000 creditors present in the stadium. Dr Gerling insisted at the outset, through a representative, that be would contribute to the compensation plan only if it were approved by 95 per cent of banks and community governments iovolved and 85 per cent of other creditors. This degree of assent was necessary to pro-

tect him egainst possible ruin ous lawsuits, he said. Early voong showed 78.7 per ceot of credimrs in fevour of the plan but the percentage of approvel rose later, inducing

erling to compromise. With Dr Gerliog's written approval received late Tuesday, that remained to formalize the plan was the second vote requiring only 80 per cent backing. This vote was overwhelm ingly in favour. Tougher banking laws: The West German Cabinet approved

a Bill to toughen the country's hanking law, particularly hy imposing new cooditions on the granting of large individual credits by banks,

In future e bank will not be able to grant a large single

able to grant a large single credit—that is one exceeding DM50,000—if it exceeds 75 per ceot of the benk's capital and The five largest big credits

combined mey not exceed three times a bank's capital end reserves while all large credits together will oot exceed six times a bank's capital and reserves, Grueneweld said.

have reached a new agreement with Kuwait over the price and quantity of oil that will be lifted during the first quarter of 1975. Gulf will take \$00.000 harrals and \$0.000 to 10.15 accept that the gas cannot be landed before 1977", said a harrels and BP 800, 000 at 10.15 corporation spokesman. Total and Elf are suffering the same sort of delays that a barrel. Prices are 71 cents up the previous quarter

By Peter Wainwright
Slater, Walker Securities' 20.7
per ceot "long term" stake in
civil eogineers Richard Costain
has been sold. Yesterday it was
announced that Slater's announced that Slater's S,142,373 ordinary shares had gooe for 81p or £4.16m to a group of Arah iovestors who are thought in be long-term share-

holdera. Mr Jim Slater is resigning from the Costain board.
Slater, Walker would not disclose who the Arabs are and Mr Herhert Mullineaux, Costain's finance director, asid: "At the moment we just don't know who

Arabs pay £4m for Slater stake in Costain they are." But it is understood Iran and Oman among the coun-

parmership projects in the Costain now does around a

Dbabi, Bahrain, Brunei, Dubai,

they are." But it is understood that the sbares will be registered in the name of a Swiss Bank, the Banque Gestion.

At the annual meeting last June, Mr John Sowden, Costain chairman, reported Arab buying of his company's sbares and the group now believes that the share transfer will facilitate partnership projects in the

engineers who rival Wimpey in the Middle East may cause a stir in some quarters.

News of the Slater, Walker

quarter of its husiness with oil-producing states. The last balance speet included Abu Sip while Slater, Walker's shares rose 1p to 35p.

PECD has with in ay policy

ther some action in increase in spite of the unresolved brion problem.".

flation itself is now expec-try the OECD " to he slightly er, and decelerate more sly than expected earlier". he outlook for food prices he outlook for food prices its encouraging than it was ar months ago." On balaoce thest the OECD can project lat consumer prices will rise ler cent over the next 12 ms compared with 15½ per cin the last 12 months.

the United Kingdom no diretion at all is forecast, estead a continuation of 18 Peot annual price rises. Never, the OECD warns all wers that "given the notum the wage-price spiral bquired, and the social un-reveloping in some coun-tit may be that even the it modest deceleration in ino foreseen for oext year isoptuustic".

OECD secretariat are still who put their faith io combine the apparent worsen in the traditional trade-off by employment and by by some sort of pind incomes policy. To this they contemplate tax by for hard-prassed employments and produced the produced to the sort of th Res and subsidies of thods which figure most Putly in working class

ECD staff argue that in Thears some small coun-Busicia, Holland, Nurway Tyeden—bave achieved nuch more inflation OECD average thanks Aneni incomes policies. such policies in counthe United States and Kingdom owed somethe unfavourable cirs in which those poli-applied, when comices were exploding nome economies were

NFC facing a £10m loss this year

The State-owned National Freight Corporation is heeding for losses approaching £10m this year after making consistent profits since it was set up in the late sixties.

The three-day week is thought to have hit the corporations baulage and distribution activities to the tune of £6m. £7m and earnings from property are sharply down from around £6m to £1.5m. To balance this, British Road Services earned higher profits in adverse conditiona, as did Pickforda Removals with record

results.
Freightliners have deteriorated from a surplus of about fim last year to ehout £20,000 but tha system is highly vulner able to railway industrial troubles such as current signal-men's strikes which affect the key Londoo-Harwich service.

US payments deficit surges ahead

The United States hasic halance of payments deficit shot ahead to its second highest ever level in the third quarter of this year. The deficit totalled \$3.581m (£1,556.9m) against a deficit in the second quarter of \$2,479m.

The Department of Comquarter of \$2,479m.

The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis reported yeatarday that the deficit for the first nine months of this year totalled \$4,265m (there was a first quarter surplus of \$1,795m, compared with a \$287m deficit in the same 1973 perind.

NVT chief's warning

Mr Dennis Poore, chairman of Norton Villiers Trumph, warned shareholders that rime was running out for the British motor cycle industry. Unless a clear decision was raken soon motor cycle industry. Unless a clear decision was taken soon by Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Industry, there would be no industry left to take a decision about. "The choice is clear" said Mr Poore. "Either public ownership and a three-factory industry or back to the two-factory plan with compensation for NYT."

By David Young

By David Young
The new Price Code, announced yesterday after over a month of discussions between industry and Mrs Sbirley Williams, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, contains alterations aimed at improving industrial efficiency and protecting jobs, that

leasing arrangements, which are for more than two years for plant and machinery, will also qualify for the investment relief. This allows companies to re-cover 17½ per cent of auch ex-penditure through increased

UK petrol outlet Five bundred VIP petrol Five bundred VIP petrol stations in Britain, controlled by Occidental Oil, and a further 200 io West Germany have heen sold to Elf, the French oil company for about \$25m (£10.8m).

Elf, which currently has no atake in the United Kingdom petrol market, will have the right to use the VIP trade mark. The French company already sells its luhricants in the United Kingdom.

French buy 500

and if the transaction had the

approval of the Bank of Eng-

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Another change made has been to raise the safeguard level for distributors to 80 per cent of reference levels.

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Kingdom.

How the markets moved

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By R. W. Shakespeare

Although the 1,000 car assem-hly workers et Britisb Leylend's Triumph plant in Coventry called off their three week-old strike yesterday, car production will not be back to normal before the weekend. The 11,000 workers in Coventry, Liverpool end Birmingham mede idle are being recalled on B pbased

This means thet the Rover-Triumph division, which has lost some £30m worth of vehicle output over the past five to six weeks, will get only two full days of production—on Mon-day and Tuesday of next week —before the shutdown for the Christmas holidays.

The assembly workers have been demanding payment for time which they lost during e two weeks strike by control room staff at the Coventry plant. They agreed to return to work yesterday on the re-commendation of their shop stewards who had negotiated fresh terms with the manage-

Now there will he new talks with the unions on layoff pay agreements, and for six weeks while these negodations are in progress, the Triumph workers will he guaranteed payment at 80 per cent of normal earnings Until now all of British Leyland's lay off pay agreements have contained an automatic suspension clause wheo workers are stopped because of disputes

within their own plant.

This dispute, which came at an acutely emharrassing ome for British Leyland, while it was trying to negotiate financial help from the Government, has heen settled agaiost hackground of warnings from Mr Richard Perry, managing director of Rover-Triumph that continued production losses would lead to permanent cut backs and redun-

So far British Leyland has managed to weather the mount-ing crisis in the Car industry without any direct redundencies but this year it has reduced its total lahour force by some 10,000 workers through "natural wastage".

Chrysler has bad to make staff cuts. About 700 white collar workers will lose their jobs hy early in the New Year. Also the company is laying off more than 4,000 car workers in Coventry and another 1,000 at Linwood in Scotland for three or four day periods over Christ-mas and the New Year.

'Disquietingly high' loss of staff shown by Inland Revenue report

By Peter Wainwright Staff shortages are facing the Inland Revenue and the staff wastage is disquietingly high according to the department's annul report for 1973-4. Low rates of Civil Service pay are said to be the cause.

The staff total was 69,802 on March 31 last, compared with 70,712 a year ago. It is thought that the Inland Revenue needs 1,800 more personnel. A pay award mede in November 1973 helped, but both wastage and recruitment remained unsatisfectory.

The cost to the taxpayer of the department is holding steady. Collection of all Inland

31 pc fewer

homes built in

Private sector house-huilding

for the third quarter of this

year was 31 per cent down on

last year's figure, according to

statistics issued by the Depart-

ment of the Environment yes-

Compared with the depressed

second quarter output in real terms fell 4.3 per cent. In cur-

rent price terms the total output

value was £2,647m, compared with £2,576m in the second quartar and £2,377m in the third quarter of 1973.

Average prices for housing land in England and Wales during the first half of 1974 were £2,700 a plot and £25,000 an

ecre, according to figures also published yesterday by the

This means that the cost of

land was 3 per cent higher than

a year ago but 1 per cent lower than in the second half of last

Department.

third quarter

£181.8m, an increase of only end near London, but also in 14.83 per cent on the year be Manchester and throughout fore, about the rate of inflation. Scotland. The cost of collection of taxes on income, profits and capital gains was equivalent to 1.75 per cent of the tax total, on death

duties 1.04 per cent, and on stamp duties 103 per cent. Convictions against tax evaders fell from 152 to 146. The number of acquittals rose from 5 to 12. The report reminds us thet

every attempt is made to assist taxpayers in compiling returns. They are welcome to inquire hy telephone or personally at any of the 750 tax offices in the United Kingdom or the epecial Revenue duties in 1973-74 cost PAYE inquiry offices mainly in

increases today

Increases in steel prices are

expected to be notified to the

European Coal and Steel Com-munity today hy the British Steel Corporation. These in-creases, which are thought to he less than the 20 to 25 per cent

which the state steel undertak-ing considered justifiable earlier this year, could be implemented

during the first week of Jenuary.

Yesterday, Dr Monty Fin-niston, BSC's chairman, had a

meeting with Lord Beswick, Minister of State for Industry,

Minister of State for Industry, which the Department of Industry described as "one of the routine end regular meetings However, the prices issue would almost certainly heve been raised by Dr Finniston While the BSC technically has freedom in pricing policies under the terms of the ECSC, the indications are that the British Government has once

British Government has once

again intervened and asked the BSC to cut hack the scale of

Among other figures the rerose £1,485m to £17,395m in 1973-74, and is estimated to go up to £22,114m in the current financial year.

Income tax in 1974-75 is estimated to provide £9,682m of this and customs and excise revenue £7,510m. The surtax estimete is £200m, and capital gains tax £320m, or £3.6m less than in 1973-74. Death duties should account for £380m and

motor vehicle duties £540m.

The major omission, as last year, is selective employment

BSC may notify Mr Loveday Community of says brokers may fall to 100

Broking firms on the London stock market, which now num-her about 140 compared with 169 a year ago, could reach the 100 level within a year, Mr George Loveday, chairman of the Stock Exchange said yester-

"A lot of people are still looking for mergers," he told a press conference. The stock market, he said, would not recover until there was a sign that inflation was being controlled and money rates started to ease. The first recovery would heve

to he in gilt edged stocks.

The past three weeks have seen a further fall in prices of gilt-edged stocks, in the wake of the sethack in sterling on suggestions that some Arab states were unwilling to accept sterling in payment for oil purchases.
But the government bond
market staged e determined recovery after encouraging statements on monetary intentions from Saudi Arahia.

Bakers dissatisfied with Price Code rule

By Hugh Clayton they wanted early meetings with ministers hecause the new Price

Code failed to give adequate relief to their industry. They want to meet Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, and Mrs Williams, Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection. Their appeal coincided with

the postponement by Mrs Williams' Department of a mandatory cut in the discounts given to retailers by bakers. Both hakers and retail memhers of the CBI distributors' working Scotland until early January.

BANKERS' FINAL EXAMINATIONS

party expected a decision on They forecast e legal maxi-

mum of 221 per cent on all dis-counts and a rollback to the level operating immediately hefore the hread subsidy was last increased on September 3. Leading bakers said that the relief given in the new Code, published yesterday, would not let them recover costs without long delay. This meant that they would he unable to recover the costs of the recent hakers' pay ewards in England, Wales and

But the delivery drivers' pay award, which had yet to be agreed but which would be backdated to December 1, would not he recoverable until mid-March at the earliest under a second application to the Price Commis-

Bakers resented the distincoon that permitted manufac-turers who made claims under the allowable costs clauses to retrospective costs while those who used the relief clauses, like themselves, were debarred from retrospective

GRINDLAYS BANK (UGANDA)

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BMW cars to go up by about 4 pc in January

Prices in Britain of the Germen BMW car range ere to rise hy about 4 per cent in January, the first BMW price increase for 15 months.

BMW Concessionaires GB said yesterday that the increase resulted from the weakness of sterling against the Deutsche

BMWs at present range from almost £2,000 to £8,500, and the company stressed that one of its chief competitors, the Jaguar XJ12, was now £300 more expensive than the BMW 3-litre

£5.000m invested by Britain in new ships

Britain's shipping industry has invested more than £5,000m on new tonnage, both built and on order over the past 10 years. The United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping said yesterday that almost £3,000m had been invested in new ships since 1964 to provide Britain with its largest ever fleet and one of tha most modern and diversified in most modern and diversified in the world. And the industry hed on order e further 20 million tons deadweight of tonnage valued at well over £2,000m.

Waste paper threat

Voluntary collectors of waste paper are likely to be discouraged and longer term require-ments jeopardized because of the inability of mills to increase their stocks of waste, paper in-dustry leaders told the Govern-

Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary of State for Industry, told officials of the British Paper and Board Industry Federation, that until new legislation was introduced, government assist-ence was limited to that provided under the Industry Act.

Opencast go-ahead

The go-ahead for opencast coalmining at Bryn Pica near Aberdare, Glamorgan, has heen given in the "national interest" despite local protests, said the Department of Trade and Industry Office for Wales dustry Office for Wales announcing the decision yesterday.

VW looks to Chile

The Brazilian snbsidiary of Volkswagenwerk AG of West Germany is among hidders interested in huilding a car plant in Chile, company officials in Sao Paulo said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Final pay pensions: the problem of definition

Sir, Mr Brooks's letter of December 3 suggests that final salary schemes can be unjust. I agree that if we are looking at the last year only there can be injustice: but the problem is partly one of the definition of final salary incorporated in the rules of the particular scheme. It is in fact quite common for the rules to define final salary not in terms of the last actual

year of service but as, for example, the average of the best three years in the last 10. Having said that it is right to recognize that final salary schemes are not necessarily the most appropriate for all classes of employment, as it is com-mon for there to be a different style in remuneration between

one type of employee end another. This difference is not necessarily hetween staff and works employees alone; another example is to be found among salesmen, who often experience a considerable falling-off in earning power towards their retirement age.

For situations where the wage pattern creates a peak more than about 10 years before normal retirament date an alternative plan basing pensions on average wages, revalued to take account of inflation. could well prove to he more advantageous.

The important point to bear in mind is that there is no one answer the questinn of what is the hest way of calculating

Sir, I see frequent references

to the Bank of England and to the hig banks in general assist-

ing in rescue operations on various financial institutions which have encountered diffi-

culties. These announcements have become so frequent, and

the total amount of support so

great, that I wonder whether banks are in fact justified in

these procedures.

If a bank takes part in a rescue operation which absorbs several million pounds of its

assets, does this mean that

while those assets are thus employed they are not evail-

able to other customers of that

From Mr N. Jones

Could banks use rescue

funds better elsewhere?

should consult a specialist to the domestic trunk rou British Airways has failed help in the design of the scheme most euizable to meet make profits on them si the circumstances of his own business.

Yours faithfully, D. B. SMEE, President, The CIB Society of Pension Consultants, 6-7 Buckingham Street,

From Mr B. K. Mead Sir, There is one factor present in many pension schemes which was omitted by Mr Brooks from his letter on the hidden in-justices of final pay pension schames.

This is the not uncommon provision that final salary is determined by the amount being earned at age 60 and pension is based on that figure even though actual retirement ege is

It is hardly necessary in the current inflationary situation to mention the considerable dif-ference which may take place in salary hetween the ages of 60 and 65.

It is another illustration of "cross funding" which in this case is very much to the detriment of those in the executive hrackets. Yours faithfully,

that bank able to say categori-cally that their action in parti-

depositors, and in fect is the

best use they could make of the assets so employed?

tions obviously can play a con-siderable part in this. Equally, if the banks themselves have

in the past, possibly through

an overgenerous lending policy, contributed to the posi-tion which has arisen, one can understand their desire to help

their debtors in order to pro-tect their own investments in

At what point, however, are the advantages of such rescue operations outweighed by other

such companies.

Turnover

Trading Profit

Less: Depreciation, Interest

It is clearly in the interests

B. K. MEAD. 5 Highfield Close, Kenilworth, Warwicks, CV8 1QR.

A. J. LUCKING, 20 Broad Court, Bow Street, WC2. Self-employed From Mr Brian Barefoot

Sir, I am the proprietor of business so small that our in over does not even reach i minimum 55,000 upon which would he liable for VAT. Yet, along with much me cipation in such a rescue operation is in the best interests of their shareholders and of their

Airline route

targets
From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, Mr Arthur Reed's excel

idea of airline route tar;

should he applied forthwirk

1960-61, with occasional ex-

nons on the London-Bel

At the recent public bear

route, whereas British C donian made profits u

on applications for fare

creases, Briosh Caledonian

evidence that they would he even if "70 per cent +" the seats were filled at exis fares, and "60 per cent with a 25 per cent fare incre

As they were awarded 12 cent and are reducing the n ber of flights so that about

per cent of their seats will

filled, their position should satisfactory again.

After giving evidence; large fare increases were d

ing away so many passens

that their receipts actu-declined British Airways w ssked whether there was level of fares at which t

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Removing the Crown Agents' mystique

surely one of the finer of the banking crisis the Government itself the forced to launch a for its own secondary That, in effect, is what Government's proposed injection of fresh capital he Crown Agents is all It reflects the belief of ohn Cuckney, the new Crown Agent, that this fficial government body. its quirks, is a banking which has conusly lacked an adequate

this case, hewever, the e does not appear to started with a run en its. Last December, de-by principals stood at just £300m, of which about was in sterling. While the ig figure has apparently ed to around £200m this the fall has been made by an increase in deposits

l base in the past.

s on the right-band aide balance-sbeet that the ms have really come home ost. Recipients of the 1 Agent's money in the lary banking and fioancial 6 have included First ral Finance Corporatieo, ph Investment Trust, Ster-Industrial Securities, ern Commercial Trust and ate Mercantile. As a rebas had to stump up en E40m s od E50m as part e secondary bank rescue

the property sector its itment stands at over L It bas been involved the failed Stern and Lyon rty groups and still has an ment in the private prop-oterests of Messrs Ramen ne and Jack Walker whe instrumental in making a profit for the Agents in a property deal with the Office Pension Fund last along with a similar gain

the basis of unaudited gement accounts pros of around £55m may be sary against seme ef the judicious investments in e and property. The resif the £85m would previde v capital base of around

implying a ratie ef its to capital of around 10. perbaps, is semewbat mic in view of the Bank of nd's arrangements to pro-support facilities to the t of the wbole of the to the whole of the ts' liabilities, a key point osting foreign confidence. ratios do at least impose cial discipline—a point times forgotten by those argue that clearing bank on longer bave much

me of this, bowever, alters act that there is something laleus in the Gevern ing a secondary hank in first place and the assurs that the Government will rately get its money back a semewhat mixed censolafor the taxpayer.

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lodest pre-tax advance by nbam te £16.4m at the im stage may have fallen or se sbort ef market s. but by and large tha ing balf are very much ene might bave expected. be plus side, then, in cemea id Unien, bouncing back in with the rest of the United es supermarket trade with imp in first-half prefits of per cent. And so far as nham is concerned that unts for slightly more than whele ef an advance from

f16.1m to £23.2m at the trading level and a contribution net of financing charges of some £44m at the pre-tax level.

Swedan and Spain bave apparently bed geod half years, too, so there has been a sharpish fall elsewhere and, needless in ssy, the main culprit bas been the United Kingdem—sales up frem £242m m £291m—where the tale is similar in that of the rest of the industry. Danmark, too, bas been a soft spot, wille the French eparatiens bave bad a particularly anchy period in animal feedstuffs.

Meanwhile, second half trading is reasonably encouraging

ing is reasonably encouraging so far and net and the sbortterm cash position at the end of the bsif year was slightly up on the end March figure. With a prospective yiald of 13.1 per cent, the shares at 45p now lock to be much mere reasonably valued in relation to the any valued in relation to the bigh level ef everall gearing. Interim: 1974-75 (1973-74) Capitalization £36.7m (—) Soles £800m (£308m) Pre-tax prefits £16.4m (£16.2m) Dividend gross 2p (1.7p)

Associated Dairies

Longer-term attractions

Associated Dairies has sound Associated Dairies has sound defensive merits and is, paradexically a bull market share par excellence. At the roet of this anomaly lies the yield, a pathetic 4.1 per cent at 54p, even assuming the maximum permitted increase in the divi-

Dividend cover is extremely high, and en the first balf shew-ing is unlikely m be eroded. True, a 27 per cent sales gain during the six menths to end-October—a period when inflation was well inte deuble figures and the group bad five new epenings—was bardly extraerdinary; en the ether hand four of the five new epenings—ware net made until Sarram. were net made until September. Frent loading will, in censequence, continue to affect the second balf prefits performance; bewever, that werst of the impact of rising cests should be ever, and there will be a big improvement in interest receipts—down from £291,000 to £115,000 at half time in consequence of deliberate stock-building towards the end of the preceding year. the end of the preceding year Something in the region of £8m pre-tax (as against £7.29m)

Interim: 1974-75 (1973-74) Capitalization £19.1m Sales £93.8m (£73.9m) Pre-tax prefits £3,62m (£3,41m) Dividend gross 1.49p (1.14p)

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Charterhouse Tougher times

Ne surprises frem Charterbeuse Greup, whese full year prefit increase ef 91 per cent falls in almost nothing if one ignores the f656,000 adjustment to the 1972-73 figures. But while the 1972-73 figures. But while the divisional breakdown for 1973-74 shows steady trading progress across the board, pulled back at the pre-tax level by higher interest chargas, there must be several areas of con-

cero in the present year.

Development and venture capital is one. A substantial part of prefits in this divisien derives frem raalizatiens of exist.

admits it is becoming tougher to make realizations ar the right price in present conditions. Second, there is banking, where profits rose by 21 per cent last year but where some difficul-ties have been experienced in the Eurodollar market with consequent restrictions on new advances. The everall bank balance sheet total is down

from £83m to £81m.

Third, there is manufacturing, 23 per cent ahead lasr year te £3.7m, despite a downmrn for Charcon's construction interests. The present year will clearly again be difficult for Charcon, and as the year pro-gresses it could also become barder for Alenco where there are currently some signs of an erder dewnturn. Newage, the engineering husiness, is still perferming strongly, however, and is apparently beaded for higher profits this year.

So while the snread of in-terests, taking in also insurance broking and distribution, is going to provide a useful under urop it seems unlikely to save Charterhouse frem a num-ber ef preblems. There is no reason for the shares, yielding 19 per cent at 24p, to vary much frem their traditional pattern of keeping pace with the market as a whele. Meanwhile Personal pattern of the market as a whole. while, Bowater's stake can do ne harm, though it weuld be unwise to expect any developments in the sbort term. Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £15.7m

Pre-tax profits £7.85m (£7.18m) Earnings per share 6.72p (6.59p) Dividend gross 4.56p (4.33p) Fodens

Concern about liquidity

An odd picture emerges at Fodens, where a head-leng fall in the abare price and a divi-dend yield somewhere in the stratesphere bas been signalling problams fer some rime. Yes-terday's news of short-term liquidity difficulties appeared to fall shert of the most pessi-mistic expectation, although it sent the shares down another 31p to 10p. The group was not revealing the fate of the divi-dend, which, at 9.3p gross per share last year chuld still be adequately covered by net pro-fits in the current year. fits in the current year.

The shortfall in interim pre

tax profits looks relatively modest at 16½ per cent, although the first quarter gained some is the likely eutceme fer the year, and as such Asda is selling en one of the lewest multiples in the sector, though it boasts one of the best profit records. That makes it a cheap huy—but only on a long-term view: sbort-term the shares will be vulnerable to every setback in the market.

modest at 16½ per cent, although the first quarter gained some extra beunce from the come-back after the three-day week. From then on conditions worsened, with production cut from about 60 to 40 units per week ever the past ceuple ef months after a cellapse in domestic demand for commercial vehicles in Septemberweek ever the past ceuple ef months after a cellapse in domestic demand for commer-cial vehicles in September-Octeber. But the group is laying emphasis on the mix rather than the quantity of preduction, with higher margin exports, defence contracts and dump trucks now accounting for around 60 as against under 40

per cent of output That cencentration, Fedens recken, might be enough m tide them ever the werst of the depression in the United Kingdem commercial vehicles mar

ket. But overshadewing every thing is the liquidity position Fedens has spent areuod £3m on new plant over the past couple ef years. The last balance sheet shewed the annual net cash requirement ar £2.6m met mainly frem about 100 met mainly frem and the statement loans. loans While sbort-term borrowings. the present low level ef production appears to be sufficient to keep the greup in profit, seme long term funding is new essen-ial.

Interim: 1974-75 (1973-74) Capitalization £0.79m Sales £15.1m (£11.4m)

Group of 10 reemerges with a new importance

The Group of 10, which in the last couple of years has been pushed into the background hy st first the Group of 20 and later the Group ef S, is now bouncing back as the maio forum for hammeriog our international economic agreements.

There bas been no shortage ef brilliant ideas in recent years on how best to reform the international monetary system, but national monetary system, but time and again the lack of effi-

time and again the lack of effi-cient institutional arrangements has thwarted the prospects of baving bright concepts trans-lated into reality.

The Group ef 10 was fortun-ately in place as an existing and experienced erganization when the regime of fixed exchange rates crashed in 1971. It was because this group could work effectively that it was possible effectively that it was possible fer lesding countries to reach sgreement in December, 1971. en an important realignment of exchange rates.

But the Group of 10, consist-ing as it does of the finance ministers of the main western industrial countries and Japan (Switzerland bas always enjoyed special ebserver status), has often been seen as an unrepresentative internstional body. To make it more representative and to mollify the complaiots of developing usnous, the group was expanded to 20 ministers in

The new Group of 20 was charged with the task of reforming the Bretton Woods system. It was sooo realized bewever, that the group was far too hig and unwieldly te ensure quick action at times of crisis. When all officials, deputies and special observers were counted, it was found that formal meetings of the Group of 20 demanded conference reems that could seat fully 400 people.

Te ensure aome quick action on urgent matters the finance ministers of the United States, Franca, Britain, West Germany and Japan started meeting and each meeting was followed by sbarp diplomatic messages to the participants from those ministers of the Group ef 20 who were left out of the special Greup of S sessions.

By last spring the inaction within the Group of 20 had reached the point where most people agreed that the body served little purpose. The last session of the Group ef 20 was held in Washiogten last summer and coincided with a political and fioancial crisis in Italy.

At a dioner party during the

At a dioner party during the Group of 20 meeting the ministers of the Group of 10 meting the ministers of the Group of 10 metinformally. They decided to permit countries to use gold es collateral in intercational loans and tacitly agreed that the old Group of 10 had in be revived.

The Group of 5 met again, however, at the express invitation of Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, just before this year's annual meeting of the Intervaluation of the Intervaluation. national Monetary Fund. The diplomatic protests from those excluded from this meeting were greater than ever before. To patch up all the diplomatic problems produced over disbandiog the Group of 20 and the holding of sessiens of the Group ef 5, new arrangements

have been worked eut. A new Governing Council of the IMF bas been created consisting ef 20 ministers.

The Group of 5 will meet quietly in the future, but it will be the old Group of 10 which actually takes decisions. And the way things are now

shaping up suggests that the Group of 10 will enjoy more importance than ever before. The group has for the time being effectively been entrusted with dealing with financial matters relating to both general monetary reform and petrodollar recycling.

It is expected that the group's decisiens will be rubber stamped by the governing Council of 20 of the IMF and later, should the need arise, by the full annual meeting ef governors of the IMF.

In the energy area the Group ef 10's role now spreads beyond the confines ef financial mat-ters. The French are not mem-bers of the special international Energy Agency, whose task it is to coordinate the policies ef

leading oil consuming nations with regard to both energy conservation and the formulation of joint views in preparation fer a conference with the main oil producers. But the French are members of the Groun of 10.

According to most senior United States officials, it, was agreed at last weekend'a Franco-United States summit in Martinique, that French views on matters dealt with by the International Energy Agency will be filtered through to this agency from the Group ef 10. A special working party of

the group is now actively working en plans for a special petredellar recycling facility for the leading oil consuming countries. This working party will finalize its proposals in Washington on January 8 and 9. On January 10 the deputies of the Group of 10 meet for

of the Group of 10 meet for the start of a three-day session to bammer-out agreements en the recycling question and the 1MF'a role in recycling, as well as on monetary reform issues. Then the Group ef 10 meets at ministerial level en January 14 to finalize agreements that will be presented for ratification, rather than fer negotiatien, to a three-day meeting. tien, to a three-day meeting, starting en January 15 of the interim council of 20 of the

According to senier United States Treasury officials there is a good chance now that the January 14 Group of 10 meeting will be able to formulate agreewill be able to formulate agreements on a special recycling facility; en a medified expansion of the IMF's present recycling facility, mainly for use by developing countries; on increasing the IMF's ability te use its general lending facilities; en revising the quotas of IMF members; en amending the IMF's articles effectively to reduce the position of gold to that of just another commodity; and on lifting restrictions on countries being able to buy, as well as being able to buy, as well as

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Counting the cost of EEC membership for Britain

Britain's attempt to renegotiate and which assessed the United Treasury, and where other the terms of its membership of Kingdom ner contribution at nations in the EEC are likely the EEC is rapidly moving away from being an argument about the general philosophical standpoint of the various countries involved on what the nature of the Community should be, and becoming instead a battle ef

slide rules. Nowbere is anparent than in the debate about the size of the United Kingdem's centribution te tha Community budget,
This is not only because it is

entinued presence in EEC believe imnoses an unfair burden on this country's balance ef payments: it is also because the issue is, by its nature, one where it is possible to quantify

Any scheme which tries to deal with this problem, then, must have built ime it some netien of what would be a fair bill for the United Kingdom to pay, a prediction of bow much the current arrangements will deviate from this and a mechanism for putting right any injustices which eccur. It is these points which form the centre of a recent study by J. R. Dedsworth for the Federal Trust, which provides the best recent attempt by an indepen-dent expert to weigh the claims of the United Kingdom and its

EEC partners In particular, the paper actually epens up the workings which preduce its conclusion, in a way which was not done in the case of the recent Treasury

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760m units of account (£317m). This was much lewer than most estimates · made before we joined, but still mere than seems fair from a country which is near the bottem of the league table of income per

One reason given for the fall in the estimate of bow much we shall bave to pay is the way in which world food prices bave meved up towards (and in seme This is not only because it is the size of eur budgetary contribution which many critics ef points out, the best current of account, is well within the range of guesses which emerged from earlier calculations such as the 1971 White Paper (240m units ef account) up to one estimate of 843m.

However, much as events may have meved in faveur of the Cemmon Agricultural Policy, there is still ne way of avoiding the fact that it is going to result in significant payments into Community funds by any state such as the United Kingdem which is heavily dependent en imports of food from outside the EEC.

Even mere expansive, bowever, will be our continued ten-dency to go en importing industrial products en which taciffs must be paid. Dodsworth estimates nur contribution te the Cemmunity from this seurce at around 837m units of account, slightly more than was assumed in the recent Treasury calculatiens, bur well in line with the bread sweep of their figures,

ing investments (there were twn last year), and Charterhouse Pra-tax profits £0.425m (£0.51m) calculations presented in Brus-last year), and Charterhouse Pra-tax profits £0.425m (£0.51m) sels as part of the British case mates differ from those of the

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m bave doubts about eur claim te be bard done by, is in the third, and less predictable com-

pooent ef our contribution.

This is the amount which we pay in through value added tax to "top up" the Community's funds m a level where they can meet expenditure. The more the EEC spends the more VAT it will have to ask its member states to levy on its behalf and, within limits, VAT comes close to being a "fair" tax in the sense of being linked tax, in the sense of being linked to the gross national product of country paying it.

This tendency fer a large VAT component to benefit the United Kingdom is further reinforced by the fact that most estimates suggest that the more meney that is cellected, the more money that will be spent en projects such as the Com-

munity's regional fuod
Thus, while Dodsworth estimates that we shall pay considerably mere VAT into central coffers (between 135m and 481m units of account, commate of enly 35m) he thinks we shall do much better in terms of receipts. Whereas the Treasury has suggested these at 560m units of account, terms ef receipts. Dodswerth suggests that they are likely m be at least 633m. and may go as high as 1,062m.
However, although be points
nut that the receipts which the

United Kingdem, or any other country, stands to receive make country, stands to receive make a significant impact oo how fairly it is treated by the system, it is in terms of the contribution side that be aceks to find a formula for fairness.

He examines twe alternative achemes. One of these involves

allowing member states to keep a larger propertion ef their customs duries, which he shows to be an ineffective way of cut-ting the United Kingdom conributien, and the other a system of repayment to any ceun-try which can be shown to bave paid in much more than is fair in terms of its oatioeal income. Whether a scheme such as this, as the nearest possible appreach te tying contributions to national income, will be what the United Kingdem finally

presses for remains to be seen.

Price stability without tears

ing use of the tax mechanism, to arrest the upward march of prices than it was reported that the Cabinet were studying just such an idea as a matter of high

This being ae and the description of the techniques given here last week having been somewhar compressed, a fuller discussive ef their merits is needed. Certainly reactions to last week's proposals suggest that they have not been univer-sally understood aright.

The proposed stabilization plan contained three stages, the second of which is rather nevel. second of which is rather nevel.
The first stage is simply a nonstatutory real-terms pay staodstill, independently umpired and
uncritical, during which no principal pay settlements would be
allowed.

instead, employers would be permitted ar quarterly intervals m compensate employees for any rise excluding tax and imany rise—excluding tax and iniport price changes—in the
official retail price index ever
the previous three months. Higbfriction machinery weuld also be
set up te deal with special cases
within a predetermined annual
"budget" fer all such cases.

The main purpose of this stage, which would last perbaps six menths or until, say, 5 per cent of the labour force bad infringed its terms, is te arrest the present accelerating disintegration of the social contract as currently understood. It would also provide a breathing space for consultations with employers and union leaders leading to stage two, based en macro-economic targets agreed in the

NEDC. The central feature of stage two would be a tax-like flat percentage levy on pay packets (and all ether forms of income) coupled with payment back to employers—in the form of a flat percentage payroll subsidy
—of the sums raised by the levy. The amount of the levy and the subsidy, which would be calculated as a percentage of gross earnings before all deductions, would be increased monthly to reflect the excess

rise in pay in the previous

month.

The levy fer normal empleyees, and others, subject te PAYE, would be collected through either the income rax er the national insurance contributions machinery. These not liable to PAYE would pay the levy as part of their end-year tax assessments. This is necessary for equity, although this group is not important to the economic mechanics of the scheme.

The precise calculation of bow much of each month's increase in money earnings is "excessive", that is, adding to unit costs of production, is complicated and would need te be seen to be done by a body whose impartiality and objectivity were widely accepted. But in essence the calculation would start frem the Department of Empleyment's menthly index of average earnings and then subtract the normal national average gain in productivity and discount changes

in earnings attributable to changes in unemployment and in overtime working. The payment back te em-

ployers as a payroll subsidy of all the meney raised should on average just neutralize the effect en empleyers unit ceats of excess increases in money earnings. Provided that import prices are passive and that the subsidy dees net go into prefit margins, then prices will cease te rise on average, although substantial changes in relative prices can and sheuld continue. Cempetition in cenditiena ef cemparatively weak markets should ensure that the payrell aubsidy does not go into profit margins. But, if thar assump-tion appeared insecure, govern-

ment ceuld take direct staps to step such abuses. Some recovery in profit margins from their present position is, of course, part of the Government's existing economic tactics as set eut in Mr Healey's

Nevember Budget.
The following noints need particular appreciation. Tha scheme differs fundamentally from ether proposals for using the tax mechanism, such as the Liberal Party's preposals in the last election, because there is no

One thing of which the Government cannot be accused is laggardness in taking good advice from the right quarter. No sooner had suggestions heen made in this space last Thursday for a stabilization plan, including use of the tax mechanism, including use of the tax mechanism. although the levy subsidy epera-tion would not itself lead to the extra unemployment which the Chancellor threatened. Individual real incomes will bardly be affected. Whether a man helongs to the category of the strong and the lucky who bave baen and might still be able to secure large nominal in-

creases in pay or m the cate-gories of the weak and unforgories of the weak and unfor-tunate who cannot protect them-selves, rbe levy subsidy onera-tion will make little direct difference to the purchasing-power of his income.

What he previously lest in rising prices—which can any-way be seen as a form of tax imposed by inflation—he will now loae oo the levy. There is

now loae oo the levy. There is now lose oo the levy. There is no hias between severs and spenders ner much between people with different spending patterns, since the purchasing power ef incomes, wbether saved er spent, is unaffected and since relative prices will continue to adjust as before. Wives will gain from those bushands who are slow in passing bands who are slow in passing

on increases in pay.

Empleyers will continue to have just the same incentive that they have under cormal free collective bargaining te resist excessive pay claims—at least uotil the subsidies come re represent a large slice of labour costs. Groups of workers will run just as much risk as new of ferciog their empleyers te

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price the firm and se their jobs eut of the market, if they press too bard.

Those incentives and deterrents may well be much too weak now; but they will net be further weakened by the levysubsidy eperation.

Equally, the scheme prevides ne direct disincentive to exces-

sive pay claims, since it will still suit the private interests ef strong groups ef workers to try to keep ahead of the game —in this case, ahead of rising levies rather than ef rising

What then is the gain? First, prices will stop rising, thus enabling the currency, to resume its normal economic fuoction, while also deterring speculative spending and stabilizing expert

prices.
Secendly—and this is the whole gamble—It just may make it possible to sell to the public at large, including the majority of working people, the basic collective interest io pay restraint—or mere strictly in con-monopolistic pay bargain

Part of the problem at prefears of being devoured by roaring price increases stand in the way of the necessary bold act of faith that their restraint will return to them through the restraint of ethers

in the ferm of mere stable It must finally be repeated vet again that the enly basic cure fer inflatioo is disinfla-

tionary monetary and fiscal policies, which are presupposed as accompanying the stabiliza-tien plan offered bere. It can then be said, if any ene prefers to put it that way, that the real effect of the stabi-

lization plan is to reduce the amount and duration of the unemployment concurrent with disinflation. Even if the stabi-lization plan is successful in that, it cannet ultimately reconcile leng-term full empley ment with frae cellective bar-gaining, if the latter be used to raise tha rewards of any groups of workers above the value of their preduct.

But if by stabilizing prices it successfully prepares the ground for a stage three in

which the levies and subsidies ceased simultaneously and an era of comparatively effective veluntary pay restraint based on an initially zero rate of inflation can begin, then the starflanonary doomsday which now seems se inevitable within a few years may be pestponed. And if that interval is used constructively to breed wider understanding of the nature and causes of inflation, while oatioeal income, scheme such as nearest possible ing contributions of the nature and causes of inflation, while according to the aize of pay settlements which they have achieved for themselves.

David Blake

last election, because there is no constructively to breed wider understanding of the nature and causes of inflation, while strictly shunning any new inflations of fiscal and mooetary policy, doomsday may be put off even longer. The chances are very slim; but governments bave to keep tryiog. nenary bouts of fiscal and monetary policy, doomsday may be put off even longer. The

Business Diary: Redmayne shops at Co-op • Shy shepherd

Year's Day hecome the m, chairman Lerd Red-

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1 Ac ferm a buffer between 10 Methyen, the directer-65% of the Office of Fair 10, and his minister, Mrs 8 Wis, Secretary of State for and Consumer Protection. even bas to submit his presentations to the CPAC fewn to have their say being the paper lands on Mrs Wa's desk.

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d Stanton Weir will en classed the CWS as a trade asso-Year's Day hecome the ciation. The Co-op likes to think irector ef the Retail Con. n. chairman Lerd Red with 275 voluntary members in the lecal secieties.

> At the Retail Censertium, which represents ratailing which represents ratailing groups like tha Multiple Shops' Federation, one of Weir's priori-ties will be to lebby for the defence of margins as the Govern-

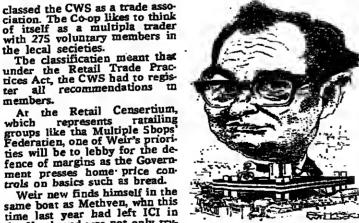
Weir new finds himself in the same boat as Methven, whn this time last year had left ICI in the North and was not only trying te get together a staff in new officas hur trying to fiod a heuse fer bis wife and family. Weir, whe will have to move to London from Manchester, has n sell his smallholding ro find a London house and new offices "within walking distance of Whitehall" fer the censorium, which is new camping with the Multiple Shops' Federation in

New Oxford Street. Methyen, a kindly man, will no doubt have seme tips on bouse-hunting in London. As for offices, well, the obvieus chap to tackle would be the Co-op's bid buddy Harry Hyams.

But, then, as the Co-op is se keen in tell us this week, Hyams bas get precious little office

space empty.

The Halifax Building Society is the largest in the werld. At ene time—before the eil deficit and next chairman of the Building Societies Association (his assumed such massive prepor-tions—its assets, £3,269m at the two-year term of effice starts



The Halifax's Raymond Potter: doesn't let the grass grow.

last efficial count, would bave been sufficient in wipe out Britain's balance of payments

So it is highly fitting that ita new chairman and erstwhile chief executive, Raymond Potter, sbould become next year the building society movement's chief spokesman in the cominuing and sometimes acrimonious dialegue which now exists between government and the

building societies. As negotiaters, Potter and his government npposite number, Antheny Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, must aurely tip the scales at the same level.

Raymond Potter is a heavy

weight not only by virtue of his position as bead of the Halifax

However, his elevation to time te make an important con-

unusual background for a build- the Building Secieties' Associa-

move up through the ranks after Meriden Story Should Dennis Peere ever tire of the motor hike business, he has a great future as a blurb

A "tale without precedent in the annals of British industry" of International Affairs before jeining the Halifax. is how the Norton Villiers Triumph chairman describes So ha does have a broader perspective than some ef his countries and story of the Meriden terparts in other societies who are the cat's whiskers when it 37-page booklet just produced comes to the job of attracting for sharebolders. specive than some ef bis councomes to the job of attracting As with most blurbs, the book that follows is nowhere near as racey, for with Tony Benn due to make a statement in the savings in and getting mortgages eut, but are possibly a little blinkered on the wider

in May) but also because of bis Leenard Boyle as chairman of

issues such as the rele of build-ing societies in the nation's Commons tomorrow on the future, if any, of the British motor cycle industry Poore and NVT have in tread softly.

Twe lessons are to be learnt from the two-year Meriden saga, he says. The first is that "if there is to be a system wherein while more is tread to the says." Not enly that, his early training has made him more familiar with the corriders of power than some of his predecessors, in ad-dition to which be gor to know at Chatham Heuse all sorts of public money is used . . . then the administration and control useful people, such as Denis Healey, Chanceller ef the Exchequer. Potter, a witty and practical man—he keeps 5t Kilda's sheep rather than mewing his laws maintains that he which follows this investment must be free from political pressure". NVT's plans for Meriden were not rulated by the sit-in itself but by being prevented from dealing with it by ordinary means."

The second lesson concerns ing bis lawn, maintains that he is a quiet, shy soul it was an impression which was reinforced by his need to be locked

away in the Halifax's command-ing new northern-fortress. the right to employment. The notion that a man bas the right chairman of the society, a de to work in the same job, in the liberate move to allow him more same place, doing the same thing for an increasing reward tribution to the larger needs of the building society mevement as a whole, will soon make him a more familiar and ferthcomirrespective of the standard and contribution of bis work, ing figure. He will take ever from

will surely send Britain into the decline forecast by the Hudson institute, NVT says. Over to you, Tony Benn.

Danks Gowerton Manufacturers et Steel Sneet and Plate from Gell. Pressure yessels. Decatters for North Sea Oil, Industrial Bellers. Fork Lift Trucks and Machanical Handling Equipment.

Summary of unaudited results Six months ended Sentember 30th 1974.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from January 11th, 1875, to January 15th, 1975, both days inclusive

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INTERIM STATEMENT BY ARTHUR J. S. ROE. ESQ. J.P., CHAIRMAN: Sales up by 26% and profits after tax up by 184 Group finances sufficient to sustate present growth and offset effects of current rate of inflation. Orders on hand for the Group at high level

Substantial percentage of products of the Danks Division destined to: North Sea Oil and sas

Additional and improved tacilities for production of slit coil will increase capacity of steel

National economic situation precludes oredictions Continued aim to expano turnover and profit.



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INTERIM STATEMENT

The unaudited Group results for the half year ended 30th Saplember, 1974 were as follows:

	Half year ended 30th Sept. 1974	Half year ended 30th Sept. 1973	Year ended 31si March 1974
Turnover	£'000's 2,088	£'000's 1.755	£'000's 3,500
Profit before taxation Corporation tax @ 52% (See	181	135	258
Note)	84	70	142
Profil after taxation	77	65	116
Ordinary dividends	22	18	42
Earnings per ordinary share	3.9p	3.2p	5.8p
NOTE: No adjustments have been mad	ie to take ac	count of am	change in

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the current year of 1.096p per share (last year 0.875p per share) on the ordinary shares, exclusive of the associated tax credit. Shareholders will be given the option to take a cash dividand or shares in lieu tor the whole or a part of such dividend. An announcement of the details of the option will be posted to shareholders on 23rd January, 1975.

A healthy order book has bean maintained since tha beginning of the financial year. The policy of increasing the proportion of business from overseas markets is being vigorously followed.

For the sacond half of the financial year tha Diractors are looking for a continuation of the present level of high activity to achieve further improvements in profitability.

SANDERSON MURRAY & ELDER

(Topmakers and Combers)

The volume of sales during the year was similar to the previous year hut reflected increased values. Apart from the period of 3 day working, machinery activity was maintained at satisfactory levels.

1974	1973
4,011,000	2,987,000
155,152	154,520
55,923 99,229 59,850	38,929 115,591 71,250
1.875p 1.275p	
3.15p	3.75p
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The textile industry here and ahroad appears to be moving into a downward cycle of activity. New forward orders are not being placed with confidence, and until the flow of business improves through the industry lower levels of machinery activity are likely to continue. We are reducing stocks commensurate with this situation.

The South Africao subsidiary has exchanged contracts for the sale of its industrial property in Port Elizabeth. The consideration is R280,000 (approximately £172,000) realising slightly more than the valuation at June 1972 adopted in the subsidiary's accounts. The proceeds will be retained in the subsidiary's husiness as additional working capital.

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement and the Report and

The year has not been an aasy one with industry beset

by a variaty of problems such as the oil crisis, the

miners' strika and the three-day weak. However, in

apite of these frustrations, further substantial progress, much of it achieved by internal expanelon of existing

companies, has been achieved. Turnover and profits

ara again a record with the pretax profit 85.7% ahead

at £3,630,054. Earnings par share rose from 6.6p to

A final dividand of .10.26356%, coupled with an interim dividand alraady paid, makes 20.31356% for the year

which is the maximum parmitted. Shareholders will

also be offered the opportunity of receiving shares in

Market conditions were ganerally buoyant throughout

the year and tha demand for the group's products was

Our success, based on high quality service and a wide range of products, antails carrying heavy stocks. Despite our record profits, funds genarated were insufficient to sustain the business without recourse to

With an increase in profits from £0.25m in 1967 to

£3.63m in 1974 the group has shown considerable

growth and has now emerged as one of the largest

suppliers in the country of a large range of industrial

Demand was at a very high level throughout tha year

and the division had the most auccessful year in its

history with trading profits increasing 107.1%. Despite

the difficulty of obtaining many types of steel, turnovar

increased substantially, and represents a considerable

increase in tonnage sales. It is unlikely, however, that

conditions during the current year will be as favourable.

Ferroua scrap and metal processing experianced a

year of booming demand with an axplosion of pricas.

We expect further development and expansion in this

Review of Divisional Activities

Steel Stockholding & Metal Processing

Accounts for the year to 31 July 1974.

Trading Results

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extra borrowings.

phere in the future.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Hovercraft fillip helps | Fixed prices and costs and costs to a best-ever £6.6m

By Asbley Druker

Its helicopter division provid-ing the major advance in the preceding year with nearly twothirds of profits, this time round the Hovercraft and environmental sector provided the push, though belicopters are still the major contributor at Westland Aircraft.

Pre-tax profit for the 12 months to September 30 put on 20 per cent to a record £6.59m, and this Yeovil based belicopter, allied Hovercraft, aircraft equipment £1.3m.

forecasts a further increase in the current year. The "net", bowever, dropped from £3.35m to £3.05m after tax up from £2.17m to £3.54m.

Helicopters turned in £3.39m against £4.09m, Hovercraft stepped up from £517,000 to £1.7m (deriving from completion of some long-term contracts and this may not recur for some years), environmental control equipment for aircraft and allied products from £792,000 to

Pressures on UK margins keep Edbro in check

Making very little profit in the last three months of the preceding year, Edbro engineering group finished up 15 per cent higher at £1.6m. For the opening half to September 30 profits come out practically unchanged at £874,000 against £870,000 pretax, on turnover up from £5.48m

A major contribution came from an "exceptionally" good result in the European merchan-

ting and trading operation, arising largely from additional agencies in transport equipment which were taken on during the course of the balf-year.

For the rest of the year, Mr L. V. D. Tindale, the incoming chairman, finds it difficult to forecast the trend of events, but given a reasonably stable climate, full-time results should show e measure of im-provement on last year's record

S Osborn accent on export drive

Having roared ahead in last year's second-balf, Samuel Os-born, the Sheffield special steel maker, while not bazarding a prediction on the current year, prediction on the current year, reports that all companies have good order books. But, with steel a classic cyclical industry, Mr Bernard Cotton, chairman, says there are signs that there may he a drop in demand in the early part of 1975, which could restrict profits. Meanwhile, its drive for export orders bas been intensified, aided by the group's firm overseas base. group's firm overseas base.

Elsewhere, be refers to the fact that because of EEC membership, the group was able to raise prices for most of its

steel products progressively through last year, and ln turn is making good some of the erosion in profit margins brought about in Britain. The chief advantages of remaining within the EEC for the group was not only great opportunis

Asbestos, Rubber, Plastics and Services

West of Scofland.

Light Engineering

limiting factors.

Tubes, Fittings and Fabrications

Drop Forgings and Castings

This division experienced buoyant demand, once

again constrained by a shortage of vital materials.

The order books ara at a high level and prospects are

sound. We have been appointed Fiat main dealer for

their range of commercial vehicles in the industrial

Both sales of the division - up 29.6% - and profits -

up 54.3% - show considerable improvement. The

current ordar book is strong and the recruitment of skilled labour and material shortages are the main

Daspite the shortages of certain types of steel tube

and the problams of the three day waek, output was

maintained at a satisfactory level and the divisional

results were highly satisfactory. Current trading is

very buoyant and there is every prospect of continued

The year showed a good recovery in profitability but

does not yet represent a fair return in relation to capital

employed. Orders on hand are the highest aver reached

and the growth potential can only be limited by material

The

Central Manufacturing & Trading Group Limited

"Current trading ahead of last year"

reports Norman Hickman, the Chairman.



Mr Bernard Cotton, chairman of Samuel Oshorn.

(more than half its tool ex-ports last year went to Europe) but also the fact of operating in an internationally competi-tive atmosphere.

Within the group, a major benefit of the resbaping of its steel business in recent years has been the improved cootrol was not only great opportuni- over the physical volume of raw ties for extending its sales material and work in progress.

crush Monk

earnings

Fixed-price contracts taken about 18 months ago, before the present level of cost increases was envisaged bad a disastrous effect on the half-time results of A. Monk, the Cheshire-based civil engineering and building contractors. The shares lost 4p to 20p yesterday.

Out of turnover expanded from £22.4m to £26.6m in the slumped from £616,000 to £157,000, or from £314,000 to £63,000 attribotable. But the dividend is up from 1.78p to 1.86p—the same net.

Threshold payments and the rise in the price of steel hit the company particularly hard. Material shortages and protracted deliveries (three-day week) coupled with the "indefensible" application of the productivity deduction to the industry aggravated maters. ndustry, aggravated matters.

Now the bulk of the fixedprice contracts has been com-pleted and any contract of more than one year is now ar a variable price. Previously the figure was two years.

But Mr F. Sullivan, chairman, is concerned at the apparant increasing unwillingness of government and public sector authorities to agree final values and make appropriate payments for work done.

Kettering Mtr agree 83p bid from Goodyear

Holders of a majority of the shares of Kettering Motor Service Group have agreed to a bid price of 83p cash a share from Goodyear Tyre & Ruhber (GB). This puts a value on the company of £2.5m.

Holders of almost 56 per cent of the shares have accepted the price which is 15p better than yesterday's closing 68p. In addition Kettering holders are offered a second interim payment of 2.72p making a total of

News of the talks broke in October when bolders were October when bolders were advised to retain their shares. A scheme of arrangement bas now heen agreed under which SPA Factors, a Kettering subsidiary, will be bought by Gnest Keen & Nettlefolds. Kertering profits for the year to September 29 jumped from £452,000 to an unaodited £650,000.

Business appointments

CompAir has a new

Mr Niall Macdiarmid has been made chairman of CompAir following the death of Mr J. F. Holman. Mr Macdiarmid, who joined the CompAir board in October, 1973, is chairman of Sanderson Kayser, and also a director of Provincial Insurance and of Sketchley.

With the retirement of Mr P. M. Threifall next March, Sir John Stewart-Clark, managing director of Philips Electrical, will become managing director of Pye of Cambridge. Sir John will be succeeded at Philips by Mr A. Poot, who will continoe as managing director of Ada (Haiffax). It is proposed that Mr Threifall will join the hoard of Philips Electronics end Associated Industries.

Mr D. W. Small and Mr P. N. Whittey have been appointed to the board of The Distillers Company. Mr Small is managing director of John Dewar & Sons and Mr Whitey is managing director of White Hurse Distillers.

Mr D. L. Nicolson, a director, has been appointed vice-chairman of Rothmans International, Mr R. C. Wickenden, chief executive of Carreras Rothmans, becomes acting managing director. Mr E. de Jaegere, of Tabacofina SA Belgium, has been made a director in succession to Mr E. G. Wouters.

Mr John Amour has become financial director of Lloyds and Scottish Finance.

Mr J. W. Shield joins the hoard of Joseph Lucas (Industries).

Mr Denis Coakley has heen made a director of Silvermines.

Sir Geoffrey C. Gibbs and Mr R. H. Senior are to retire from the board of Australla and New Zealand Banking Group.

Mr Charles Bell has been made president and chelf executive of Viking Offshore Pipelines group.

Mr E. G. Barnard becomes vice president and manager of the

Viking Offshore Pipelines group. Mr E. G. Barnard becomes vice president and mauser of the president and manager of the finance division.

Mr John Sidwell becomes chairman and Mr Maurice Hynett chief executive of Market Location.

Mr B. Ewing has been appointed a director of Baron Self Copy.

Mr T. R. Chesterfield is to become the new chairman of BCA following the retirement of Mr M. S. W. Gorringe.

S. W. Gorringe.
Mr. Christopher Sheridan has joined the board of Samuel Mon-

Mr Simno Webber has been made director, buance and administra-tion, of the British Steel Corpora-tioo's special steels division.

Mr Edward Redmond has been elected to the hoard of Buchan Meat Producers and appointed managing director managing director.

Dr E. M. Hunt has been appointed chairman of Armour Hess Chemicals.

Mr Bruce Learning has become mr space teaming has become an associate director of Loudon metal brokers, Rudolf Wolff.
Mr J. P. Brown has been made overseas director of Reverter

overseas director of Revertex Holdings.

Mr F. R. Earle has been appointed managing director of Harlow Chemical in succession to Mr D. D. Litoun who has resigned through ill health, Mr Litoun will continue as a member of the board.

Mr David Page is to join Poster Turner and Benson as head of financial advertising. Mr Colin Barry becomes account director of the recruitment division.

Mr Michael Haines, a partner in Thomson McLiotock, is joining the Department of Industry on a two year secondment as a deputy director of the Industrial Development Unit.

Stock markets

Firmer tone continues in equities

The continued strength of the pound on the foreign exchange centres belped London's stock markets yester-day. Gilts were much quieter, but equities managed to extend their recent improvements by a few pence. Turnover in the share market remained very thin, however. Recorded bar-gains totalled only 4,908, which is well below the level of a viahle market ".

The major news from the equity market came in the form of year-end results from BLMC, Britain major motor manufacturer. Tha outcome for the year was not far away from market predictions and the shares were content to ease by ip to yet another new low of 61p. The answer for which the market—and industry—is wait-ing will come when Mr Benn addresses the House of Commons on the future of BLMC.

Other beavy engineers moved cautionsly following the results from BLMC. GKN closed unchanged at 106p. Tubes added 4p to 129p, GEC 2p to 54p, and

Plessey 2p to 42p.

Among the internationals, the fresh improvement in sterling brought a steadier tone-if not any great increase in buying pressure. ICI (125p), Beecham (120p), and Courtaulds (58p), all moved up. Unilever (17p) and Dunlop Holdings (24p) remained at oversight levels.

Gold shares again found sup-porters, in the wake of the accord between the United States and France on upvaluing official reserves. But turnover on this pitch was smaller yesterday. Gains in President Brand (£26), FS Geduld (£26½) and President Steyn (£19½) remained within the 51 range.
Oil sbares, too, bad a quieter

AKZO and Philips' drug merger off
The plan of AKZO, the Dutch chemical and arrificial fibre

group, and Philips Lamps to combine their pharmaceutical divisions, first announced in June, has been called off after six months of talks. Had it come about the new giant would have been a combination of AKZO Pharma and Philips Duphar with 75 per cent owned by AKZO.

Turnover was expected to be in excess of £600m with 12,000 employees. Activities taken in would have been research, development, manufacturing, sales and service.

The reason given for shelving the plan is that the boards dis-agree about the likelihood of achieving a properly-integrated

AKZO said the boards of the two companies intend to investi-gate whether it is possible to achieve another form of coopera-

Du Pont expects earnings drop

G. L Du Pont de Nemours expects lower earnings in 1974 despite at least a 15 per cent increase in sales, Mr Irving Shapiro, chairman, said in San Francisco. In 1973, it earned \$12.04 a share on sales of \$5,275.6m

For the nine months, Du Pont's net profit declined to \$7.53 a share from \$9.11 a year before. Mr Shapiro said the lower profit would result from higher costs for raw materials. bigher costs for raw materials and energy, supply sbortages, and an accident at its methanol plant in Beaumont, Texas.-Renter.

session. BP (216p) and Burmah Oil (106p) added a few pence but turnover was thin.

On the building pitch, dis-closure that Slater Walker Se-curities has sold its stake in R. Costain went some way to explaining this week's rise in contracting shares. Shares in Costain closed 5p up at 85p, while Slater Walker Securities belped also by confirmation of a Business News report of a substantial re-purchase of our-standing loan stock—closed 1p up at 35p. But the building share pitch also saw shares in A. Monk fall sbarply on lower

interim profits.

Consumer shares had a quieter session. A dull spot was Cavenham, whose sbares dipped to 45p following the first-half profits statement. Major stores backing for the Crown A managed to edge forward by e tended to weaken confit.

Banks, financials and puties had a quiet session failed to move beyond

overnight levels. Equity turnover on Dece 17, £35.1m (10,206 barg Active stocks yesterday a ing to Exchange Telegraph Cons. Goldfields, Bats,

Union Corp. Boots, Gus Cadburys, Commercial I IC Gas, and BP. Covernment bonds tend drift lower in quiet tradin terday, surrendering son the gains made in recen sions. Long dated stocks with losses on the day of point, while short-dated ! finished a \ to 5/16 point \! \

Latest dividends

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All dividends in new pence or	appropr	Year Cut	Pay	Vac-1-	-
Company	Ord	Year		Year's	P
(and par values)	div	ago	date	total	•
Assoc Dairies (25p) Int	1.5	1.13†	28/2		1
Baggeridge Brick (25p)	2.57	2.36		2.67	2,
Brit Leyland (25p) Fin	Nil	1.38	_	0.74	1.
Cavenham (25p) Int	2	1.78	17/3	_	5.
Charterhouse Gp (25p) Fin	3.25	3.08	_	4.55	1215-16192-115333133
Doranakande (10p) Int	0.24	0.25	31/1	<u> </u>	ï
Edbro (Hldgs) (25p) Int	2.23	1.96	30/12		<u>-</u>
Elec & Gen (25p) Int	0.57	0.82	3/2	_	ñ
Guthrie Corp (El) Int	9	6	2/4	_	ì
Gumile Corp (21) Inc	0.7S	0.75	20/2	_	-
Halcyon Inv (10p) Int				1 500	Ξ.
Halma (10p) Int	0.84	0.62	17/2	1.59*	1
Kaduna (10p) Int	1.98	0.65	3/4	_	·L
A. Monk (25p) Int	1.86	1.78	31/1	_	5.
Stanhope Gen (25p) Int	1.2	1	24/1	_	3.
.Sntclitte, Spkmn (25p) Int	1.63	1.25	-	-	3.
Trafford Carpets (25p) Int	Níl	1.7	_	_	3.
Vectis Stone (10p) .	1.01	0.96	27/2	1.68	1
Westland Aircraft (25p)	2.22	1.90		3.54	2
Weston-Evans (20p) Int	1.22	1.22+	S/2		3
trestou-Brans (40p) Int		1	G /	-	
† Adjusted for scrip. * Forec	-dal				٠.

Record Sales and Profits for Fifth Successive Year

Year to 31st July	1974	1973	1972
	£000's	£0000's	£000's
Sales	4,293	3,586	_ 2,847 mg
Profit before tax	703	581	456
Profit after tax	334	311	274
Earnings per share	4.425p	4.104p	3.619p
Dividand pershere including Tax Credit	1,470p	1.400p	1.343p
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The diversification and strength of your Company makes it well equipped to face the: problems which lie ahead. Anthony J. Wade (Chairman)

WADE POTTERIES LIMITED · STOKE-ON-TRENT

S. CASKET (HOLDINGS) LTD

(Clothing Manufacturers, Distributors and Retailers) SUMMARY OF RESULTS Sales (Net) Trading Profit
Net Profit before Tax
Dividends—Net Earnings per Share 9.30p

Addressing the Annual General Meeting in Manchester the Chairman, Mr. Philip Casket, made the following points: -

Net Profit before Tax up by 14.8%

Record for the 12th successive year Company now operates 64 retail





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Extracts from the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st July 1974.

The year started with high hopes and prospects of beating last year's record profits, but, in the event, the economic consequences of last October's Middle Eastern war detrimentally affected our business in several important raspacts. With so much uncertainty surround-

ing the general economic situation and the building and central heating industries, in which we are especially interestad, it is increasingly difficult to predict, with any certainty, the levels of trading we shall achieve in the current

The group enjoys excellent relation ships with its bankers, going back ow very many years, and credit facilities have been arranged to provide workir capital for the continued development the business in the future. Great care being exercised over capital expenditubut, certain important projects, mair to increase export potential, proceeding.

Exports have increased by 29.3% a during the year 24.7% of the grou manufactured products were exporte.

Comparative figures to 31st July	1970 £'000's	1971 £'000's	1972 £'000's	1973 £'000's	197 £'80
Sales	21,060	27,167	33,853	48,422	56,2
Group profit before taxation	1,434	2,190	2,749	4,325	3,2
Taxation	579	847	1,106	1,898	1,7
Dividands, gross per share	4.27p	4.87p	5.50p	5.78p	6.1
Times dividend covared ·	2.72	3.03	3.36	5.03	3.!

Wolseley-Hughes is the largest distributor of cert heating equipment in the British Isles and manufact market leading products of advanced design in the oil gas combustion, horticultural and agricultural equipn wheel and magnetic engineering industries.

and labour shortages. Prospects

Currant trading is at a higher leval than the same period last year, but there are so many uncertainties in the economic and political environment that it would be unwise, indeed almost impossible, to make any firm prediction about the current year. However, I helieve we are battar placed than most to overcome any difficulties and fhare Is little doubt your company will realise batter than average growth in sales and



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DIVISIONAL RESULTS	Sales £000	Trading Profit £000	Turnover £m	36.7	Profit ettributable lo shareholders	1799	Earnings per share - pence
Steel stockholding & metal processing	20,168	2,018	26-3		0003		
Asbestos, ruhher, plastics & services	10,786	1,302	20-3		893		6·8 4·8
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Shareholders will receive ayment of 168p, against gross (maintained et 1.12p and the board is planning fer a divideod-scrip option.
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estion falters

xable profits of Celestion erries, makers of sound duction equipment and dation garments, declined he half to September 30 £225,000 to £150,000, the second half looks ater. Turnover in the half from £2.98m to £3.36m.

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ith its pile spinning subsi-7 in Northern Ireland hav-

The province'a political troubles led to lost working time and heavy stock losses. Also, a provision had to be made for a substantial had debt in the export field.

Ulster apart, the kraft products division bad a satisfactory balf year and TC operated at a

Interim slide at Fraser Ansbacher

After servicing the loan for the group's interest in C. E. Haath & Co, the insurance hrokers and underwriters, pretax profits of Fraser Ansbacher down from £729,000 to £240,000 for the half year.

Mr Maxwell Joseph, chairman of this merchant and investment hanking group, says that the group's policy of maintaining liquidity and preserving assets has been a success and there is considerable strength in terms of current and future in terms of current and future trading. However, this conser-vative policy has had its effect on profitability.

The group is expected to trade profitably for the rest of the year. A dividend similar to last year's 1p gross is fore-

Meanwhile, attributable earnings for the helf are down from £382,000 to £107,000. There is no consolidation of profits of C. E. Heath.

FPE turn-round

Reporting an interim turnround from a loss of £75,000 tn a pre-tax profit of £27,000 FPE Group say the high cost of hank borrowing and continuing reorganization may produce only a minimal overall profit. Last time there was a loss of £292,000.

Mr Nassar opposed

The formal offer by Mr Edward Nassar for the 60 per cent of the shares of Harry Vincent, Worcestershire confece disastrous time tionery group, be does not already own has been sent to shareholders. Mr Nassar is a director of the the company.

Wall Street

w York, Dec 18.—Shrugging preponderance of bad econo-iews, the New York stock mar-turned in its second straight

impressive performance and closed higher in fairly active trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 5.95 points to 603.49, closing over the 600 level for the first time since December 2 when it finished at 603.02.

Gainers outran losers by about 785 to 610. Volume quickened to 18,050,000 shares from 16,880,000

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silver closes 13.8 cents up

are not recommending the offer and have agreed not to accept for their personal boldings.

Sutcliffe, Speakman

With a bealthy order hook with a beaking order hook maintained since the start of the year profits of Sutcliffe, Speakman ross 19 per cept to £161,000 pre-tax in the six months to September 30. The dividend is raised from 1.25p to 1.63p. The hoard expects a further improvement in the second helf. second half.

Bond Worth gains Moderna control

Mountain Securities already out of the running for Moderna (Witney) by its atatement earlier in the day that following discus-sions it had decided not to go further with its 64p cash a share for the ordinary only, Bond Worth Holdings, whose agreed offer closed yesterday, an-nounced acceptances for 55.7 per cent of the ordinary and 72.5 per cent of the preference.
The offers have now heen declared uncooditional as m acceptances, and the closing dates extended to January 8.

Carrs Milling jolted

Carlisle-based Carrs Milling Industries reports a big drop in pre-tax profits for the year ended August 31, at £108,000, compared to £492,000. The company which mills flour and manufactures animal feedstuffs, blames inflation end inability to increase prices. The year was described as "by far the most difficult" in recent years.

Issues & Loans

ECGD ship financing

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed two separate loans totalling £5.6m which Williams and Glyn's Bank have made ovailable to belp finance the purchase of two B26 hulk carriers.

The vessels are being built by Austin and Pickersgill of Sunderland for Leon Corporation of Monrovia and Righteous Navigation Incorporated, Liberia and are scheduled for delivery late next year and early in 1976 respectively.

Brazilian funding : An Arab underwriting syndidate led by Arab Finance Corporation has completed a simultaneous fixed and floating-rate bond offering of the Brazilian government.

government.

The fixed-rate bonds totalling \$20m were offered at 98.5 carrying a 104 per cent coupon to yield 11.01 per cent ar maturity in 1984. Concurrently \$5m of 10-year, floating-rate bonds were offered at par. The floating-rate bonds bear semi-annual interest at 1.5 per cent above London interbank rates for the first five years and 15 per cent above for the remaining five years.

It was the first public dollar bood offering underwritten by an exclusively Arab syndicate.

Turnover for half year is up from £1.7m to £2.9m, and taxable profits from £101,000 to £153,000. Interim is up from 0.62p to 0.84p, and total of 1.59p (1.4p) plus record results predicted.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)



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Issued at the request of Gold Fields of South Africa Limited and Union Corporation Limited by Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, Hambros Bank Limited and Barclays National Merchant Bank Limited

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF UNION CORPORATION LIMITED

RECOMMENDED OFFER

BY

GOLD FIELDS OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

orpointed in the Republic of South Africa)

UNION CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

The Boards of GFSA and Unicorp announce that the Offer Document incorporating GFSA's Recommended Offer has been posted to registered shareholders of Unicorp.

THE IMPROVED OFFER IS :-

For every 100 Ordinary Shares in Unicorp

6 New GFSA Ordinary Shares

7 New GFSA Convertible Preference Shares

R120 IN CASH

RIGHTS OF ELECTION You may elect to receive

ADDITIONAL CASH INSTEAD OF GFSA ORDINARY SHARES

ADDITIONAL GFSA ORDINARY SHARES INSTEAD OF CASH

Subject to availability and on the bases stated in the Offer Document:-

THE CASH ELECTION SHOULD BE VALUABLE TO UNICORP'S UNITED KINGOOM AND OTHER SHAREHOLDERS NOT **RESIDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA**

who may elect to receive ADDITIONAL CASH TO THE VALUE OF £203 INSTEAD OF GFSA ORDINARY SHARES WORTH £160 For every 100 Unicorp shares

THE SHARE ELECTION SHOULD BE VALUABLE TO UNICORP SHAREHOLDERS RESIDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

who may elect to receive ADDITIONAL GFSA ORDINARY SHARES WORTH R141 INSTEAD OF CASH TO THE VALUE OF R120

For every 100 Unicorp shares

TO SECURE THE RIGHTS OF ELECTION YOU MUST ACCEPT THE OFFER **NOT LATER THAN 10th JANUARY, 1975.**

THE BOARD OF UNICORP AND THEIR ADVISERS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND UNICORP SHAREHOLDERS TO ACCEPT,

> **JOHANNESBURG** 18th DECEMBER, 1974

Copies of the Offer Document and Forms of Acceptance may be obtained from:-

Gold Fields of South Africa Limited,

49, Moorgate, LONDON EC2R 6BO.

Union Corporation Limited Princes House, 95, Gresham Street, LONDON EC2V 7BS.

Lloyds Bank Limited, Registrar's Department. The Causeway, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN126DA.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Mining

General Mining's 'no' to **Gold Fields**

Geoeral Mining has again rejected the improved bid from Gold Fields of South Africa for Union Corporation and states that the formal documents do not meet the many valid objections raised by the Unicorp board to the previous GFSA offers.

It believes that Unicorp shares are worth substantially more than what is offered—the bid was equivalent to about 525p last night—and would not be accepting in respect of its own holding which, with asso-

ciates, is about 28 per cent. Full details of the reasons the operation of the dollar sur-for the rejection will be seet out render rule would reduce this for the rejection will be seet out shortly to Unicorp shareholders.

The formal documents are For South Africans, rather than cleverly designed to give hoth receiving R120 in cash, additional control of the state of the state

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Money Market

Rates

United Kingdom and South tional GFSA abares worth R141 African resideots the optimum would he exchanged. return possible on the terms. Shareholders can elect by Jannary 10 to receive either extra cash in place of shares which is of particular benefit to non-South African residents, or shares replacing the cash element in the offer which should be to the advantage of South Africans.

The value of GFSA ordinary vestments. shares will he calculated as the average of the cash round-lot prices for the five trading days Discount market preceding January 9, less 15 per cent. For noo-South African residents, thanks to the blocked rand discount, and on the basis of prices ruling on December 13, for every 100 Unicorp, instead of £160 of GFSA shares, cash amounting to

£203 would he paid. But it must be pointed out that this infers that the money is reinvested in foreign securities within six months, otherwise for United Kingdom residents

Foreign GFSA has, as is already Exchange known, arranged facilities with

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Credit conditions to Lombard

Credit conditions to Lombard
Street became very patchy yesterday, and rates floctuated throughout in reflection of the thin state
of the market. The day was meant
to be "flat", but in the event,
the Bank of England was required
to assist the market in a small way,
purchasing "Creamore bille disease."

from the houses in need. The day's underlying factors suggested that none of the help was really neces-

Houses were bidding 91-10 per

ceot for secured loans at the out-set, but were paying 10 or 103 per cent at mid-session after encoun-tering a fair amount of "calling" by the banks.

Banking Group amounting to \$75m, repayable by the end of 1979. Thanks again to the blocked rand discount of about 30 per cent, GFSA will have to raise around R75m, largely through the sale of portfolio in-The dollar was mostly firmer against European currencies yesterday, although it was easier against sterling. The dollar's initial rally was based chiefly on a technical reaction to its recent sharp fall and on a rise in Zurich of swap operations by the Swiss National Bank.

Its advance accelerated following unconfirmed reports that the French, Swiss, German central banks and Federal Reserve Board had intervened to sopport the dollar, but eased back later on news of the wider United States balance of payments deficit. Sterling rose 75 points against the dollar to \$2.3420 while its effective depreciation rate against major currencies dropped to 21.1 per cent compared with 21.6 per cent on Tuesday. Gold declined \$2.50 to \$186.50.

Hongkong commodity exchange move

Economic Intelligence Department, has been appointed by General Management (HK) Ltd to draw up a set of rules and regulations for a commodity exchange in Hongkong.

LEGAL NOTICES

When formed he will become president of the exchange. Soya bean meal futures

market for London It is hoped that a Londoo soya bean futures market will be opened early next year, Mr L. Pullen, the president of the Grain & Feed Trade Association (Gafta), says in his report for the year ended September 30. Delivery points will be in Antwerp, Rotter-dam/Amsterdam, Hamburg, and London London.

The market will be run by a separate association known as the Gafta Soya Bean Meal Foures Association. The trading ring will be in the Corn Exchange.

be in the Corn Exchange.

Mr Pullen reports that turnover in the London Grain Fotures
Market continued to grow. Registrapons rose from 31,352 to 46,324
for wheat and from 29,982 to
48,600 for barley.

The tonnage of physical grain
tendered against Gafta contracts
jumped from 110,000 to 177,700
tons for wheat and from 96,700 to
203,700 tons for barley.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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Notice is hereby given that by
Orders dated the 11th December
1974 made in the above matters
the Court has directed separate
Meetings of the holders of the
respective classes of Shares of the
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ARRANGEMENT proposed to be
made between the said Companies
and the holders of their said respective classes of Shares mentioned in
the said Schedule and that such
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Shareholders are requested to
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Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished purysant to Section 207 of the Statement required to be furnished purysant to Section 207 of the country of the said Companies at the Weston Centre. 40 Berkeley Square, London, W.1. 17 Camden Road, Canden, London, NW1 9LJ and at the office of the address mentioned Solicitors of the address mentioned Solicitors of the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or e Bank Roliday; prior 10 the day appointed for the said Meetings. The said shareholders may vote in person at such of the said Meetings as they are entitled to attend, of they may appoint another person. Wenther a Member of any vote in their stead. It is requested that forms appointing provides the today with the Registran, of the Companies at 17 Canden Road, aforesaid not less than 18 hours are not so lodged they may be hended th the Chaltman at the Meeting at which they are to be need. Meeting at whish they are to be used.

In the case of joint holders the vaco of the sector who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the excission of the totes of the other joint holders, and for thin purpose sectority will be determined by the order to which the names stand in the respective Registers of Mumbers.

By the said Order the Court has appointed the persons whose names are set out in the fourth course of the seld Schedule to set almost are set out in the fourth course of the seld Schedule and Needings set opposite their results thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the Source opposite the subsequent opposite of the Court.

Dated this 16th day of Occeraber 1974.

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Portian® Placo, London,
W1N JBA, Solicitors for
the above-named companies. (LS IN the MATTER of the COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of LAYKINS BUILDERS Limited (to Voluntary Liquidation). Marter of LAYKINS BUILDERS
Limited (to Voimnary Liquidation).

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th Section 299 of the Companies
Act. 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the abovenamed Company will be held et the
Offices of w. H. Cork. Cully &
Co., Chartered Accountants of 19
Eastcharp, London, ECSM IDA, on
Weddesday, the 8th day of Jamuary, 1976, at 11.30 o.m. to be
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Winding-Up to date,
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1974.

R. W. CORK. R. W. CORK. Liquidalor. IN the MATTER of the COMPANIES ACT. 1938 and in the Matter of THE FARMERS AND CRAZIERS CATERING BUTCHERS Limited in Liquidation. CATERING BUTCHERS Limited 1 in Liquidal has butchers given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEET, ING of the MEANIERS of the obover harned Company will be the obover harned Company will. E.C.2. In the City of London wall. E.C.2. In the City of London on Thesday the 14th day of January, 1975, at 12 noon to be followed at 12.15 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the burpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1974.

N. C. R. NASH. No. 002196 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division, Rev ALEYANm the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Divisiod. Re: ALEXANDER SHIPPING COMPANY Limited and re: The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby civen that the SHIPPING of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Olvision: dated the End day of Pecember 1974 Inter alia) CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the Obove-named Company from £1,620,000 to \$1.030,352 ond the Minute opproved by the Court showing with respect lo the capital as altered the several Particulars required by the Registrar of Company of the Registrar of Company of the Registrar of Companies on the 5th day of December.

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LINKLATERS & PAINES, Solicitors to the Company. In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948 and In the Matter of CHASE HYDRAULICS Limited (in Liquidization) ceiver and Liquidator.

CHASE HYDRAULICS Limited (in Louidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948 that o GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the obovenamed Company will be held of Room 438 tectond floor) Salisbury House, Loudon Well, E.C.2, in the City of London on Tuesday the 14th day of January, 1975, at 11 a.ro. to be followed at 11.15 c.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the cooduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Daied thie 18th day of December, 1974.

R. E. FLOYD R. E. FLOYD. Liquidator. THE COMPANIES ACT. 1948 In the Maller of W. L. JACKSON & COMPANY Limited. Noture of Business: Agenia & Jackson & Tomora Agenia & Jackson & Stores. Notember 1974.

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THE COMPANIES ACT. 1948 In the Maller of GIONAL PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers. ORDER MADE 11th November 1974.
OATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 3rd January 1975, at Room D20 Atlante House. Holborn Viduat. London ECIN 2HD et 10.40 o clork.
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D. A. WILLIAMS. Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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Notice is hareby given that a PSITITION for the WINDINO-UP of the ebove named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 9th day of December. 1974, presented to the said Court by Tourist Promotion Board. 2 Statistics Corporation curside the Scheduled Territories as defined by the Exchange Control Act, 1947, and who carry on business at Tedor Court. Tanglin Road, Singapore.

And that the said Petitice is directed to be heard before the Court sitting all the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 20th day of Junuary. 1975; and any Creditor or Control and the Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 20th day of Junuary. 1975; and any Creditor or Control of the State Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may epipear et the inne of hearing in person or by the Couraction will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor of Control for that purpose; and e copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor of Control for that purpose; and e copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor of Control for the State Company requiring such copy on payment of the Petitions. Soliciors for the Petitions.

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No. 003093 of 1974

IN The HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court for the High Court of Justice Chancery Division Companies Court for the Latter of The Residual Court of the Latter of The Residual Court of the WINDINO UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 15th day of December 1974 presented to the said Court by EURO CHILINGS LIMITED whose registered office is Situate at 119 Dulwich End Petition Selection of Justice, Strend, London, WCZA 21L on the 20th day of January 1978, and any creditor or contributory of the old Company desirous to support or oppose the pating of an Order on the said Petition may appear et the time of Petition may appear et the time of Petition will be harmleded to the Petition will be harmleded to the Petition of the Court of the regulated charge for the same.

JUDGE & PRIESTLEY, 42/48

East Street, Bromley, Kent.

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Re: ITALIA NEL MONDO Limited (In Voluntary Ligardation) and The Companies Act, 1948. Companies Act, 1943.

Notice is bereby diveo that the CREUITORS of the above naroed Company are required on or before Friday, 17th January, 1975 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the nadersigned Bernard Phillips, F.C.A. at To New Cavendish Street, London, W.1, the Ligotidates of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said company and if so required by notice in writing from the said company and if so required by notice in writing from the said debts or claims at such time or place as ehall be epecified in each coince or in default thereof they will be oxcluded from the benefit of ony distribution made before such debts are groved.

Doted this 10th day of December, 1971.

BERNARD PHILLIPS. BERNARD PHILLIPS, Chartered Accountant,

in the Matter of the Companies Acts. 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of HEATING & GENERAL ENGINEERING COMPANY (CAT-FORD) Limited (in liquidation). ENGINEERING COMPANY (CATFORD) Limited in liquidation].

Notice is hereby given pursuant
to Section 399 of the Companies
Act, 1948, that a DENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the abovenamed Company will be held at the
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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chaneary Division, He: HDULDER LINE, Limited and re: The Companies At 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the OROER of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dailed the 2nd day of December 1974 (international Company from \$1,725,000 to \$21,107,715 and the Minote approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital as altered the several Particulars reouted by the Republic on the 6th day of December 1974.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 to the Malier of WOLA ENGINEERING CD. Limited No. 0011D of 1971 Nodes is hereby given that e FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND to CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have out already proved their claims are to come in and corve such Lanuary. 1976 after which have standard to the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the cold Company having regard only to such Croditory as shall then have proved their delme.

A. T. CHEER, Senior Dificial Receiver and Liquidator. Atlantic House, Holborn Visduct, London, ECIN 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the matter of FLORADINE BUILDERS Limited Nature of Business: Joiness & carpecters.

WINOING-UP ORDER MADE 11th Notwinber 1974.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 3rd January 1974.
at Room 620 Allanue House, Holborn Vieduci. London ECIN 2HD.
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N. SADDLER. Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 to the matter of TORBENTIRE PROPERTIES Limited, Nature of Business: Dea'ers in princepty, Windling Order MADE 11th November 1974, DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS.

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D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

Re: The Companies Act 1948.
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Dated the 6th day of December LINKLATERS & PAINES, Soil-

THE COMPANIES ACT. 1948 In the Matter of JACOBS. LEVINE & MEREDITH Limited Nature of Business: Designs in property.

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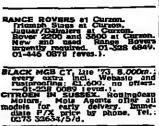
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istmas is coming. Richard Briers revives Oneupmanship in a festive setting 3C2 9.0) and there will be cachinnation galore no doubt as Margaret Powell, d Vic Feather and others linger over a Yuletide dinner (ITV 11.0). But while istmas is concerned with a birth Joe's Ark, Dennis Potter's moving little play eated tonight, is occupied with death, though it will quicken your spirit with its ng (BBC1 9.25). Man Alive, ever on the look-out for topics to disturb us, wonders ut some talented children (BBC2 10.20). But tea-time brings Laurel and Hardy ¥ 4.30).—L.B.

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Christmas Oneopmanship with Richard Briers.
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Man Alive: Should Go Far, talented children.
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News.

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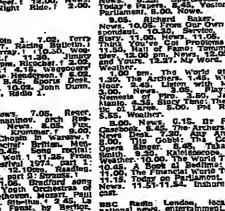
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News. 6.00, Today.

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Man.
This Week.
Father Brown.
News.
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ASHBY.—Oh Docember 17th, 1974, Cantain Goraid Horace Ashby D. B.E. Royal Navy Irei'd, beloved hnoband, father and grandfaimer. Funeral 11.30, Friegay, 20th Ocember at Little Gaddesden.
BARRETT.—On 10th Ocember, 1974, peacefully, after a brief illness, and fortilled by the Rites of Nolly Church, Ellish, dear wife Sandrick and fortuner of Anno. day, 20th Occember at Little Gaddesden. ARRETT.—On 10th Occember 1974. peacefully, after a brief iliness, and fortified by the Rites of Noly Church, Ellish, dear wife of Donis and mother of Anno, Patricia and Paul, Regulam Mas-and interment have taken alace.

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6 It used to unhorse many in

8 Oliver's testing moment in

14 The Italian beast devours us

Composed a telegram herein

22 Fish round for some tongue

Solution of Puzzle No 13,871

motorist is a revolver (5).

a small way (5).
7 Hook-like letter? (8).

16 St Michael's Port (9).

ACROSS

1 Copper pipe (5, 7). 9 Like prophets of the Chan-pel Islands in this time (9). 10 One's right to be troubled by 8 blow in the face (5).

11 Try the way south for romantic meetings (6) 12 West Asian men one found 17 She no doubt teaches her in Galway islands (8). 13 Ars these variations con ted with the Sphinx? (6).

15 Mooey, including a little 20 They can seem wrongly to reinforce demands (7).

(8).

18 Electro-magnetic device converts one back into solid (5).

24 This, "fire"-arm for a 19 Sound that may possibly

scare many (6).
21 Edward's back—so unpunctual—so sad (8).
23 Hastings' Rabbits' home (6).
26 Old English letter found by Solution of Pursula No. 12 274

Rose (5).
27 Turkish leader in Greece, unusually vigorous (9).

"uncommon " 28 Another place ? (5, 2, 5).

1 We bear Philip took nourish-meot from 8 chemist's tube

(7).

2 Wanting to be like Canning's knife-grinder (5).

3 One liable to be noset by a careless jibe, say? (9).

4 Hittite's Dickensian name-cake (4). sake (4). When Mrs Grundy was 5 When Mrs widowed (8).

BEEGHEY.—On Tuesday, December 17th at the University Hosgital. Carolli. Simon (Chorister—Hurstnerpoint College, aged 13 years, beigged Son of Canon of Earth Mrs. Beechev of Airestord. Mrs. Beechev of Humgahire, and broiner to Evelyn and Elizabeth. Funcral at All Saints' Church, Cyncoed Road. Cardiff, on Nonday, at 2 g.m., fellowed by divate cremation, interment of ashea later in Airestord Church, cyrd. Ctoria th Evecisis Osc.

BIRO.—On Occember 17th, in hospital, after a home accident, yolan, aged 88 years, mother of Vera Hollander and Eva Lassgathner. No Inovers.

BLENKIHSOP.—On December 15th.

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BLENKIHSOP.—On December 15th. 1974, peacetully, at homa, Amie Violet, which of the late Phille and much loved grannia and great grannie. Funeral service at Charing Parish Ghurch at 3 p.m. on Friday. Oecember 20th. followed by private cremation.

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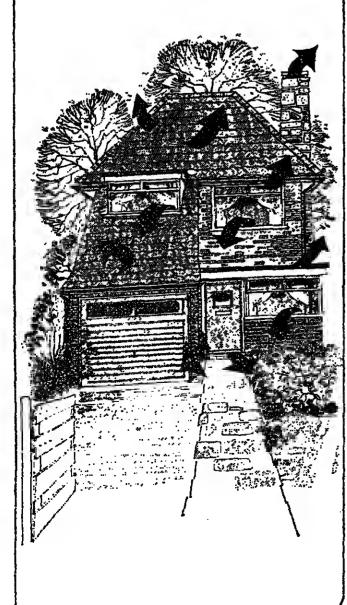
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How much central heating fuel are you wasting?

The problem

Central heating fuels are, like most things, more expensive than ever before. In spite of this, a surprising amount of fuel is wasted in many centrally heated homes due to inadequate insulation and a lack of system controls.

To take an extreme example, in a house with no insulation and only basic controls the heat loss could be as much as 50%! But even where insulation is present it is often inadequate for the job it has to do treally effective insulation is a whole new science in itself) and controls confined to a simple time clock and thermostat are not flexible enough to provide heat exactly when and where it's needed, for maximum conitort and efficiency.



Esso's answer to the problem is simple and effective. If you keep the heat in and use it more efficiently you'll save fuel; and if you save fuel, you'll

save money. It's as easy as that.
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much you can save, and how Esso can help you do it.

But what's the world's biggest oil company doing, telling you how to save oil? Well, Esso's aim is to provide the best central heating service available. We value our present customers and want to attract new ones. If we can help reduce fuel bills, we hope you will

stay with us—or move overto us, as the case may be.
All fuels have increased in price over the past year, and there are likely to be further increases in the future. There is likely to be little if any price differential between fuels for long, so it makes good sense to spend your money on conserving heat.

Expert advice

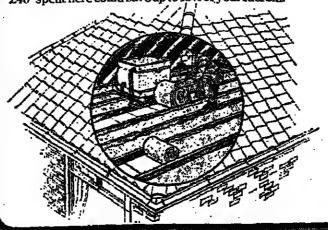
There is a host of methods available for controlling heat loss. Only some of them are right for your home. You need expert advice; your Esso Authorised Distributor will arrange for specialists to inspect your home and see that you get that advice.

Insulation keeps the heat in

Esso know from experience that insulation of the roof and walls is the most cost-effective way to keep the heat in. They know too that ICI produce the unique Ufoam Plus' cavity wall insulation and also install roof insulation of the highest quality. So Esso and ICI have teamed up to give you the very best in roof and wall insulation. It's worth remembering that second-rate insulation is often little better than no insulation at all.

Start with the roof

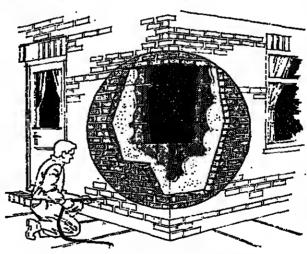
Even if you already have roof insulation I thick, by having the job done properly (and that means a 3" thickness) you can cut heat loss drastically. £40" spent here could save up to 15% of your fuel bill.



Fill cavity walls with foam

If you have cavity walls, foam insulation can give even bigger savings, though it costs rather more to install. Spend £160* on wall insulation and you can save about 20% a year on running costs; you'll add to the value of your property too.

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Wrap up your hot water cylinder properly

A bare bot water cylinder may be useful for airing the clothes, but it's a terrible waste of heat. A modern thick cylinder jacket can be fitted by most householders. It only costs about £5, and can easily save £10 a year on oil. Here again, even if you already have a 1" thick cylioder jacket it's well worth getting a thicker one.

What about double glazing?

Double glazing teods to be rather costly, but it can provide fuel savings of about 10%. It of course gives additional benefits in sound proofing and reducing coodensation.

Controls cut running costs

Extra controls in the central heating system cut wastage and enable you to have heat where and when you want it. There's a big variety available, from simple time switches and thermostats, through thermostatic radiator valves and zone valves (they allow you to vary the temperature in different parts of the house), to the sophistication of a programmer (it gives complete control of radiators and domestic hot water, with many combinations of the two).

Esso will arrange for you to be advised on the best controls for economy in your home. The savings you make will depend on the controls you have installed and how

you use them. Maintenance means more efficiency. less waste

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Poorer nations face difficult days

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Historically energy consumption a head of the population has heen linked to the leval of a nation's economic activity. In 1972 each American consumed the equivalent of 10,928kg uf coal. West Germaos used 4,299kg and the Japanese 3,353kg a head.

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Malthusians and the technological optimists by improving our ability to extrapolate past trends in population, gnp per capita, energy use per dollar of gnp, and pollution emissions per joule of energy consumed. Even holding population are vast but the and gop growth constant produces a wide range of energy consumption levels."

In Calcutta (above) and New York (right) the crowds are vast but the amounts of coal used energy consumption levels."





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How to stop money going up in smoke

by Edward Townsend

of berween £350m and £450m a year could be achieved. Another estimate is that companies could take a 10 per cent cut in energy con-sumption without loss of output by improving plant efficiency, hetter use of con-

trols and recovery of waste heat. At today'a prices this could mean a saving on the nation's bill of £600m a year. And the National Industrial Fuel Efficiency Service, which compiled the first set of figures, made the position worse by claiming that this could be attained not by carrying out expensive techoologically advanced conserschemes, but current known and proved techniques and practices which are financially viable even at today's energy

Costs".
Further savings could be achievad by a reduction in the frequency of replacing plant, less maintenance and lahour costs, improvements to production and reduced pollution.

The chief stumbling block, however, is that production processes invariably claim priority when it comes to investing its capital. On avarage in Britain, the cost of energy is still only about a part cost of the production 8 per ceot of the production cost, and the incentive to consarve is correspondingly

in better use of energy gives 200 reheating furnaces, oil a return often higher than and gas fired, in the Midthat on capital and that it lands and concluded that an can be repaid in the year it overall saving of 20 per cent

Improved operational pro-cedures, better insulation of

valve, of which the average actory has more than e few, an help energy consumption to mount. It is reckoned that many factories are losing steam at the rate of 1,000 lb an hour solely hecause of

And it seems from various And it seems from various investigations that industrial steam raising in many British factories is still run with about the same efficiency as it was in the last century. Fitting automatic damages and anvillage practure. pers and auxiliary pressure switches can do a lot to conaerve fuel and are particularly necessary now that steam, as MIFES says,
"really is too expensive to hlow to waste." blow to waste The energy savings that are judged to be obtainable

British industry is losing hundreds of millions of potential profits every year—all of it going up in smoke or simply leak; of 18 per cent; paper and machines and draughty factories.

Industry's conduct in energy conservation seems to have been appalling. A recent survey showed that first by raising the whole of industry's use of energy in inidustry's use of energy in inidustry from a thorough investigational approach are the production capacity. As or result, the saving on gas worked out at £3,000 a year.

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industry's use of energy facilities should be set by them out and greater tech-stand the standards to those of the every firm and in many nical help to prevent waste, surviving of processes would appear to be essential. The tremendous upsurge of awareness in energy conservation has led to the flowering of cousultancies who hire out their skills and experience to do these jobs.

One such firm is the Lancashire hased Fuel Economy Consultants, set up eight years ago and now boasting a list of clients extending from Rolls-Royce, Associated British Leyland to worth, Trnst Houses and Arthur Guinness.

Their role varies from a recent job of helping a larga for an outlay of £35,000 and win savings of more than £35,000 a year, to advising which fuel and tariff even the smallest company should adopt.

Helping to trim the fuel hills of industry has undoubtedly proved lucrative for FEC. Its schemes generally involve it taking a share in any savings that are share in any savings that are achieved. In the case of its "energy purchase surveil-lance servica", the share is 55 per cent, although many large companies, where the potential to save energy is vast, prefer to negotiate

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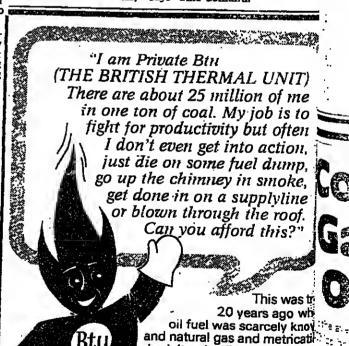
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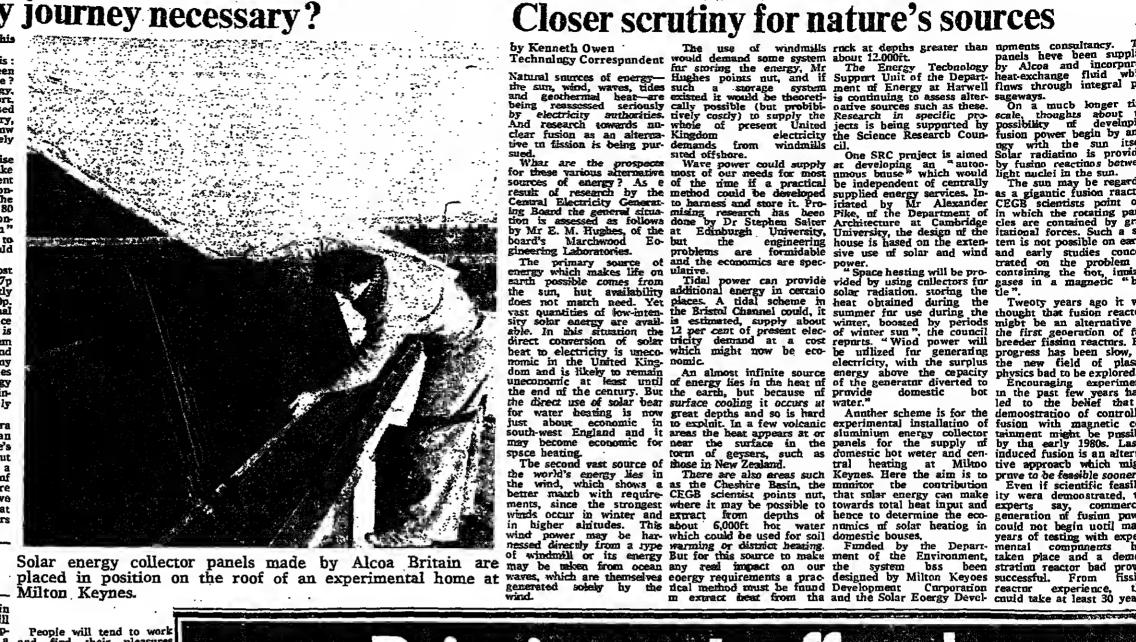
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As fuel becomes more dexpensive fuels at the power station; and as technology advances towards new types of battery it will become even essier and cheaper.

If we are sufficiently daring and determined, new forms of bigh-speed transport might come in, like a vacuum tube, a U-sbaped bole in the ground yleiding fantastic speeds for very little energy.

And if that seems too advanced, there is always the pony and trap.



Closer scrutiny for nature's sources

Economy drive could put quality of life in danger

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already emerging. Britain has suspended its programme for reducing the amount of lead in petrol until a further study on the medical and economic implications. medical and economic impli cations of low-lead petrol hes been completed. In the short term the suspension was simed at reducing petrol consumption because the first stage of the pro-gramme probably added about film to the country's nil import hill. Completion of the programme could add another £50m.

Lead in petrul is a sub-ject full of difficulties. Many authorities feel the lead content in exhaust emissions is not injurious to health Rut it demuntates. bealth. But it demnastrates the dilemma in which gov-ermnents can find them-selves. The short term balance of payments advan-tage has to be weighed against possible, but not conclusively proved, health

The Americans are under pressure to relax the regu-lations on all exhaust emisinns. Devices designed to reduce emissions also reduce fuel consumption and in many American vehi-cles they make starting and cold-running operations dif-ficult. But whereas there is doubt over the health haz-ards involved in lead there are few panple who would dispute the adverse effect of car exhausts.

Even oil companies do not dispute thet much ni the atmospheric pollution in the atmospheric pollution in the world is caused by the production of energy or its consumption. But they have not raised objections to calls fur the relaxation of strict regulations on the use of high sulphur fuels in American power stations. Americao power stations and facturies. Regularims have been bard-won and should not be surrendered

Japan also has strict regulations on high sulphur fuels, and like America has been forced to search the been forced to search the world for low-sulphur crude oil and coal because their existing plants are not equipped to bandle the more readily available high-sulphur fuels. Tois search has driven up the cost of

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Britain can't afford to waste heat... so we've found a better way to burn gas.

There is a vital need to conserve energy, especially precious natural gas. Which makes the British Gas research programme to find even more efficient ways of using natural gas more important than ever.

The latest product of this research is a new method of waste heat recovery. It involves a new type of burner which combines the function of burner, flue and recuperator. When installed in a production kiln at a Stoke-on-Trent pottery, it replaced eight conventional burners and cut fuel consumption by 30 per cent. In a steel reheating furnace it has produced a fuel saving of 50 per cent.

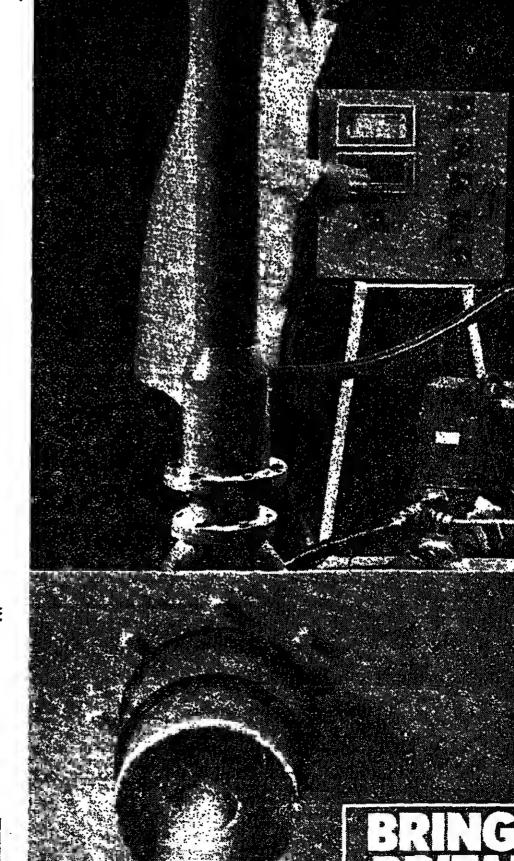
Gas is also making an important contribution to solving Britain's energy problems in many other ways:-

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Fill those cavities in the teeth of rising fuel bills

home bearing.

Cheap fuel in the past has tended to make us a somewhat profligate nation with heat in the home. When the weather grows cold we have mer the problem by simply increasing the central heating, switching on another har of the electric fire, or shoveling more coal into the bearth.

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rating more heat, the house savings in heat loss can be to high winds and rain, or if holder should concentrate on achieved by keeping outside rubble has been left in the seeing that his bome uses doors closed by using heavy space.

A sound company will give in the building.

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ground, while 10 per ceot is lost through the windows.

The high cost of all types of fuel—oil, coal, gas, electrical lem can be expressed in a city, even logs, and the promise of more price rises on houses, even modern buildings, are lamentably badly new discipline into domestic acience: the management of home beating.

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Government support points the way for district schemes

by Patrick O'Leary

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Until the power crisis the office buildings. Government arritude to district heating was one of benevolent neutrality, ready to give guidance and help, but not to exert pressure. However, Mr Reginald Free-Minister for Housing and Construction, told the

and such expenditure was all and such expenditure was eligible for subsidy.

One obstacle bas been that them privately owned, where private bouses are should be connected. The mixed with local authority fuel is natural gas, obtained estates, councils have to on a long-term contract when obtain special powers to energy was cheaper.

Serve them. Otherwise heat Rochdale has installed distinct heating in modernizing

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and Construction, told the New and expanding towns Commons in the summer that offer most scope. At Bretapproved schemes received ton township, Peterborough, loans to cover capital costs, work began three years ago and such expenditure was on a comprehensive service, eligible for subsidy.

By 1977 4,000 bomes, 900 of

and hot water can be sold trict heating in modernizing ber of homes.

At Lisson Grove, Marylebone, incinerator beating bas been carried farther. A pneumatic refuse conveyor takes

develops a fault, complaints Wildeorath, in West Ger flow freely. To guarantee many's Rhineland.
continuous supply, it is often District heating came muchetter to use two or three the energy conservation study small boilers than one large published by the Central one. A large boiler can also Policy Review Sraff in July, be noisy in early stages of a The wise men came to the scheme, when it is throttled predictable conclusion

only to their own tenants.

Mr Arthur Brown, a leading member, said the District bomes will benefit.

Heating Association bad Battersea power station,
asked the Government to London, uses waste hot water
give general district heating to warm bomes in Pimlico.

However they did say that week. But the rising cost of heating by other means affects comparisons.

fects comparisons. Quality of life could be in danger continued from page III

reserves of the Rocky Mountains could leave serious scars on the environment. It now remains to be infiguress of world oil supplies that enabled the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to push up prices.

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17,000 premises when completed in 1980. Another tially relied on fixed charge feature is that heat is provided in a number of ways.

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Association. Local authori:

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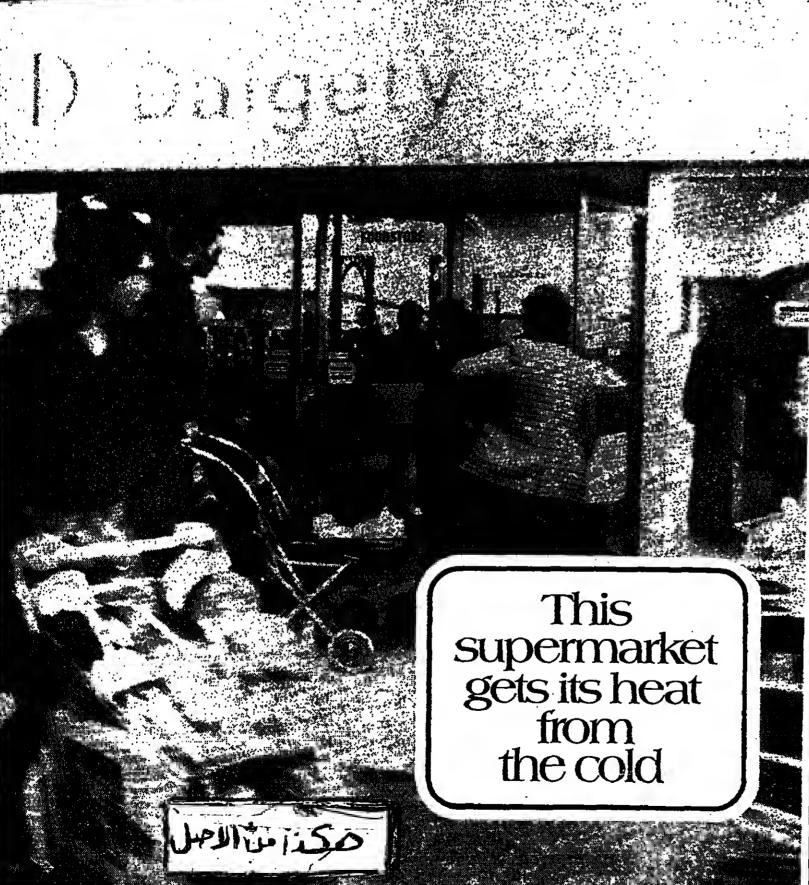
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In this frozen-food supermarket—the new Dalgety at Languey, Eastbourne-much of the heating to keep the shop at a comfortable 68°F comes from the refrigeration plant. The remainder comes from the lighting and



Heat Recovery This is heat recoveryelectricity's ability to re-cycle the heat within

a building, through the latest advances in air extraction and distribution. The new Dalgety Supermarket system designed by M. E. C. Bird, Sons & Associates, Consulting Engineers, achieves this by collecting the heat from its lighting and refrigeration plant and distributing it to sales and basement areas, through high-level wall-mounted glass-fibre ducts. Running costs of this system are minimal, no more than the power consumption of the supply fans which average I to 2hp. Energy Management This means energy control at its most effective; and represents

whereby a building can combine good quality lighting and a high level of environmental comfort-with acceptable capital, low maintenance and no heating costs. Ask your Electricity Board to tell you more about IED and to work out the energy-

many of the energy-saving features of IEDshort for Integrated Environmental Design-

requirements on your building project. They have the knowledge, experience and computer services to give you a balancedappraisal, not just on technical questions, but on the economics, too.

ELECTRICITY IED makes

The Electricity Council, England and Wales

have had a number of major successes and have influenced the way in which several important energy projects have been designed and will be managed. The long battle over the Alaskan pineline produced a maken pipeline produced a scheme that is vastly superior, from an ecological point of view, to the original proposals made by the old companies. But the validity of environmentalist objection

ket place.

Environmental

is oot always so easily recognized. The uncertain safety features of light water reactors in the United States have provoked groups into lengthy delaying actions on individual projects that ultimately hold back the ability of industry to switch to non-polluting electrical power for processing, and affects the future climate for the electric car. Neither of these tric car. Neither of these changes can be achieved without nuclear power.

Environmentalists do play valuable part in focusing attention on the real dangers caused by radioac-tive waste from power stations. Plutonium, one of the waste products, bas a balf life of 200,000 years. The greatest test of man's willingness to destroy the environment in order to maintain his present way of

maintain his present way or life could come with plans for the development of shale oil in America. Squeezing oil from shale rock leaves a residue of powdery ash that is greater in volume that the projects. in volume than the original shale rock.

An American Government report admits that unlocking the massive shale oil



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